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Rev. Rocky Reese

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DEDICATION

The Blue Ridge Association of Free Will Baptists gratefully dedicate the 2022 edition of the minutes to Bro. Leonard Lindsey.

Pastor Leonard Lindsey was a humble, faithful, man of God who served his Lord and Savior for over 58 years. He pastored 4 churches all in North Carolina: Connelly Springs FWB, Connelly Springs, NC; Mount Olive FWB, Kannapolis, NC; Hopewell FWB, Hamlet, NC; Calvary FWB, Rutherford College, NC. Bro. Lindsey joined the Blue Ridge Association of Free Will Baptists in 1999. And over the many years he served on the Executive Board, Home Mission Board and Ordaining Council and other Committees. For over 53 years of Pastoral work, Pastor Lindsey loved serving and helping others. He was very giving and had great faith in his God, never giving up and never giving out. He once said about himself, "I may not be the best preacher or best pastor, but I'll work harder than anybody, no one will go farther or longer than I will". The song he sang fit him to a tee "I don't regret a mile that I traveled for the Lord". No telling how many miles Pastor Lindsey drove in serving the Lord, winning, and touching thousands of peoples lives for the glory of God. Pastor Lindsey leaves behind a legacy of Faith, Hope, Grace, and Love through his proclamation of Jesus Christ. A devoted husband, father, paw-paw, pastor and friend and will be missed by all who knew him. He along with his wonder wife Peggy gave so much for the work of the Lord.

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To Be Appointed by Moderator

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**BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING of 2021-2022
CALVARY FWB CHURCH, RUTHERFORD COLLEGE, NC
AUGUST 7, 2021**

Preliminaries

Opening & Welcome – Bro. Brandon Smith, Asst. Moderator

Prayer – Bro. Danny Forbes

Congregational Singing – “I Know Whom I Have Believed”

Response – Bro. Randy Stone

Devotion – Bro. Chris Connor, Pastor Hilltop FWB Travelers Rest, SC

Asked prayer for Bro. Charles Sutherland who had a heart attack.

James 1:1-5 Pain is Essential – We all struggle but God will see us through.

Weeping endureth for the night, but joy cometh in the morning!

Business

Recognition & Welcome of Visitors – Bro. Brandon Smith

Bro. Mike & Theresa Allison – FWB Family Ministries

Bro. Roger Haylèy

Roll Call of Churches & Ministers – Bro. Rocky Reese

Treasurer’s Report - August 7, 2021 - Sister Carrie Padgett M/S/C

FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

April – June 2021

GENERAL FUND

Ending Checking Balance — March 31, 2021	\$4,274.25
Total Deposits through June 30, 2021	5,574.31
Assoc. Offering - May 1, 2021	<u>147.00</u>
Total	\$9,995.56

Administrative Expenses:

NCFWB Association, Dues for 21 Churches	\$4,960.00	
Clerk (for services rendered)	250.00	
Bro. Alan Sailors, for Ex. Board Expense	140.66	
Calvary FWB Church, for roof repair	200.00	
FWB Int’l Missions (Panama Ministries)	<u>\$ 600.00</u>	
	\$6,150.66	<u>-\$6,150.66</u>
Balance		\$3,844.90

Ending checking balance – June 30, 2021 - \$1,562.28

Please Note: With higher dues this year (\$210.00 per church verses \$185.00 last year) resulting in a lower fund balance, the usual percentage distribution was not made this quarter. All receipts, except for “designated” funds from Meadowbrook for the Mission Fund, were deposited into the General Fund.

Treasurer's Report Cont'd - August 7, 2021 - Sister Carrie Padgett

MISSIONS FUND

Fund Balance — May 1, 2021	\$29,402.64
Receipts this quarter (designated funds)	<u>161.79</u>
Subtotal	\$29,564.43
Calvary Church - Swannanoa	- 1,500.00
FWBIM (Matthew Price and Victoria Little, \$300 each)	- 600.00
NC State Missions Brd (Roanoke & Asheboro \$300 each)	<u>- 600.00</u>
Balance	\$26,864.43

MINISTERS BENEVOLENT FUND

Fund Balance — May 1, 2021	\$1,707.71
Bro. Freddy Lindsey, for medical expense	<u>500.00</u>
Balance	\$1,207.71

WELCH COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Fund Balance — May 1, 2021	\$6,629.60
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SOUTHEASTERN FWB COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Fund Balance — May 1, 2021	\$8,265.62
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Ending Saving Acct Balance March 31, 2021 - \$34,213.42

Ending Saving Acct Balance June 30, 2021 - \$33,962.18

Contributions from the Churches

<u>CHURCHES</u>	<u>April-June 2021</u>
CALVARY (Glendale Sprgs)	\$1,000.00
CALVARY (R. College)	
CALVARY (Swannanoa)	\$ 50.00
CANTON	100.00
CEDAR HILL	189.00
FAIRVIEW	211.90
FAITH	524.00
GETHSEMANE	185.00
HILLTOP	200.00
HOMER'S CHAPEL	225.00
LENOIR	
LIBERTY	625.00
MARION - FIRST	355.00
MEADOWBROOK	
NORTHVIEW	197.62
NOWLING CHAPEL	1,500.00
PISGAH	
ROARING CREEK	
ROCKY PASS	
SWANNANOA	255.00
ZEPHYR HILLS	
Total	<u>\$5,574.31</u>

Checks received after the June 30th cutoff date are not included in the total above:
FAIRVIEW \$53.73, CALVARY (Swannanoa) \$50.00, CEDAR HILL \$207.00,
MEADOWBROOK \$270.00, NORTHVIEW \$169.37

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Promotional Director's Report – Bro. Elisha Fish

Due to my illness with the shingles and the Covid I have not been able to do much visiting. I have preached at three of our churches this past quarter. Brother Randy Stone is filling in for Meadowbrook until they find a new pastor. Brother Jeremy Cagle is filling in at Pisgah. Fairview is now looking for a new pastor as Brother Brandon Smith is now our new State Missionary to Hickory, N.C. Please pray for him and his family as they make this move and for a successful work in his ministry there. We all know this has been a very stressful time for all of us during this trying time with the Covid pandemic, especially for our Pastors who are working so hard to meet the needs of their members. I want you to know how much we appreciate all of your hard work, prayers, and your stand during this very difficult time. Just keep on looking to the Lord for all your help. Bro. Frank Woods has been elected as pastor of Calvary in Glendale Springs. May God Bless you, Respectively Submitted, Rev. Elisha Fish

Ordaining Council Report – Bro. Freddy Lindsey

The Ordaining board met on July 26, 2021 at Marion First. With all members present. Bro. Brian Bird, Bro. Ralph Reep, Bro. Larry Miller, Bro. Daniel Cason.

Items of business:

1. Letter of good standing requested by the Boyd County Kentucky Conference of Free Will Baptists for Rev. Randy Smith (former Pastor at Hilltop FWB)
The Board recommends that a letter of Good Standing be granted and sent.
2. Letter of good standing requested by the Midway District Association of GAFWB for Rev. Bruce Kimbrel (former Pastor at Meadowbrook FWB)
The Board did discuss Brother Bruce's current marital status. Brother Bruce's wife has two living husbands. To-which goes against our stand and our bylaws: Article 10 sect. C.
If this was the case now, then the Board would not be able to ratify this request, but at the time of Brother Bruce's departure from Meadowbrook and our Association he was in good standing.
The Board recommends a letter of good standing be granted and sent.
3. Calvary FWB Glendale Springs has a new Pastor Brother Frank Woods. We would like to welcome him into our Blue Ridge Association. Bro. Frank has indicated that He would like to keep his membership with Appalachian Association Tennessee. Bro. Frank requests that we accept him as a member by proxy, meaning he comes to the Association as representing his Church - Calvary Glendale Springs. Pending upon Calvary's membership to Brother Frank Woods.
The Board recommends that we accept Brother Frank Woods by proxy.
4. Lastly, just for information, we the Board would like to encourage all our members to be active and participate. To comply with our bylaws, as stated in Article 10 section E. We the Ordaining Council will be making an effort to encourage and support our pastors and churches. Hopefully, this will help boost our attendance and morale.
Brother Moderator - I make a motion that we accept the first three recommendations. And the fourth as information.

Home Missions Board Report –Bro. Randy Stone
Blue Ridge Mission Board Report

From the minutes of May 4, 2019 we discovered the following:

- 1. That we had budget approval to pay Calvary Free Will Baptist Church \$1000.00/month from May through December of2019 and \$750.00/month from January through April, 2020. The total was \$11,000.00.
 - 2. That we had budget approval to pay the following Missionaries \$1200 each over the course of 12 months from May, 2019 through April, 2020. The total budget for them was \$4,800.00
- Matt and Christina Price (France) Victoria Little (Kenya)
Dale and Julie McCoy (Asheboro) Rex and Brenda Evans (Roanoke Rapids)

We far exceeded the budget approval, basically because of Covid. We assumed that the commitment was longer and because we did not meet for five quarters (all of 2020 and the first quarter of 2021) we continued to pay well after the obligation and approval was past. The result is that we paid the four missionaries an additional \$1500.00 each extra. And we continued the pay Calvary according to our contract but without budget approval. The result was we paid Calvary \$8000.00 without approval over a years time (May 2020 through April 2021). Altogether \$14000.00 was paid out during Covid without your vote. For this we sincerely apologize.

At our annual meeting in May you did approve continuing our support of Calvary Church according to our contract agreement so that is taken care of until the next annual meeting in 2022. Our commitment is \$500.00/month for the rest of 2021 and \$250.00/month for January through April of 2022. The total budget amount would be \$5000.00.

Our obligations to the four missionaries have more than been met so no more funds will be sent.

We do have a proposal today to begin supporting Bro. Brandon Smith in Hickory with \$100.00/month from this month (August, 2021) through December, 2021. We will have a proposal for 2022 to present o you at the November meeting.

Yours truly,
Wayne Miller
Elisha Fish
Jack Ward
Larry Collins
Randy Stone

Motion to amend amount paid to Bro. Brandon Smith in Hickory to \$250.00 for July-Dec for total of \$1500.00. Motion Carried

Credentials Committee Report – Bro. Wayne Miller
13 Ministers, 9 Delegates, 4 Visitors, 26- Total Present

Finance Committee Report – Bro. Jack Ward

Finance Committee recommends the offering go to Bro. Brandon Smith for Hickory Project offering was \$171.24. Motion made to increase it to \$200.00
Carried

Other Reports

FWB Family Ministries – Bro. Mike Allison

Thank you for everything that you have done for Free Will Baptist Family Ministries Children's Home & Hope Center.in Greeneville, TN. Jude 22 And of some have compassion, making a difference.

We are in our 82nd year as a ministry.

We are currently serving between 140 & 150 children on a daily basis.

We have over 60 children in our Foster Care program.

We had 28 children saved in 2020.

We had 93 babies born through the Hope Center ministry in 2020.

We are about to open our Maternity Home which will have 5 apartments for young mothers and their baby. We have recently started a new Drug & Alcohol Program.

The Oaks Retreat hosted over 1,100 campers in 2020 and over 5,000 in 2019. Please pray that 2021 will be safe for everyone attending our camp.

Theresa & I look forward to coming to your church and share with you what God is doing through Free Will Baptist Family Ministries.

Harvest Child Care Ministries

Bro. Carl Miller unable to attend association meeting due to having covid. Please pray for Bro. Carl and their ministries.

Business closed in prayer – Bro. Sonny Thomas, Jr.

Worship

Congregational Songs – Rescue the Perishing

Offertory Prayer – Bro. Caleb Davis

Offering – \$171.24

Congregational Singing – In Times Like These

Special Singing – Sister Shelly Smith – Do You Remember I walked on the water!

Message – Rev. Frank Woods, Pastor –Calvary FWB, Glendale Springs, NC
Acts 2:1-6, 12-21 - Pentecost - Amazed – Where are we?

Why some people would not have enjoyed Pentecost, they had to come apart from the world – 10 days – I'm busy, Who is going to be in that crowd?

The ones that were there were there with only a promise!

One mind, one accord and one place – upper room, stayed and got what God had for them, then went and shared it!

Some would say wrong Preacher – They got Peter – He had denied the Lord and cursed 40 days ago. But God forgave and still used him.

**BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING of 2021-2022
CEDAR HILL FWB CHURCH, ASHEVILLE, NC
NOVEMBER 6, 2021**

Preliminaries

Congregational Singing – Jesus Saves led by Bro. Larry Collins
Opening Remarks - Moderator – Bro. Alan Sailors
Welcome – Bro. Roger Boone – Host Pastor
Response – Bro. Alan Sailors

Devotion - Rev. Roger Hayley (Interim Pastor of Fairview) Title - The Borrowed Axe - Text - 2 Kings 6:1-7
He delivered a wonderful message encouraging Pastors to "Keep On" . Many Pastors are burned out or have lost their zeal and lost their edge for the ministry today. Asking us to notice four things in the text.
1. Despite the loss of the head, God's presence was still near.
2. The servant was doing a good work when he lost his edge.
3. The Axe was borrowed.
 *Power comes from the Lord.
 *We can save no one, only God can.
 *We must plant and water and God will provide the increase.
4. Only the work of God can retrieve the Axe Head.
 *Only God could have made the Axe head float.
 *The Edge was restored. He will restore you as well.
 *Allow God to restore the passion for God and restore the edge in your Ministry.
Closing Prayer for Devotion - Rev. Roger Hayley

Business

Opening of Business Meeting – Motion & Second to open in Business
Roll Call of Churches & Ministers – Bro. Rocky Reese

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

**SECOND QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT
July – September 2021**

GENERAL FUND

Ending Checking Balance — June 30, 2021	\$1,562.29
Receipts this quarter	4,038.82
Assoc. Offering - August 7, 2021	<u>171.24</u>
Total	\$5,772.34

Treasurer's Report Cont'd

Administrative Expenses:

Clerk's Expense (Postage)	\$ 22.00	
Printing of Minutes	294.38	
FWB Int'l Missions (Panama Ministries)	600.00	
Fidelity Bond for Treasurer	359.00	
Treasurer, for services rendered	<u>250.00</u>	
	\$1,525.38	<u>-\$1,525.38</u>
Subtotal		\$4,246.96
Paid to Youth Board		<u>- 925.35</u>
Balance		\$3,321.61
Ending Checking Balance – Sept. 30, 2021 - \$12,46.34		

MISSIONS FUND

Fund balance August 6, 2021		\$26,864.43
Receipts this quarter		<u>1,447.85</u>
	Subtotal	\$28,312.28
Calvary Church – Swannanoa		- 1,500.00
Project Hickory		<u>- 950.00</u>
	Balance	\$25,862.28

MINISTERS FUND

Fund balance August 6, 2021		\$1,207.71
Receipts this quarter		<u>92.54</u>
	Balance	\$1,300.25

WELCH COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Fund balance August 6, 2021		\$6,629.60
Receipts this quarter		<u>46.27</u>
	Subtotal	\$6,675.87
Lauren Heather Thomas, acct.		<u>500.00</u>
	Balance	\$6,175.87

SOUTHEASTERN FWB COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Fund balance August 6, 2021		\$8,265.62
Receipts this quarter		<u>46.26</u>
	Balance	\$8,311.88

Ending savings account balance - June 30, 2021 - \$33,962.18
Ending savings account balance - September 30, 2021 - \$25,814.18

Contributions from the Churches

<u>CHURCHES</u>	<u>April-June</u> <u>2021</u>	<u>July-Sept</u> <u>2021</u>
CALVARY (Glendale Sprgs)	\$1,000.00	
CALVARY (R. College)		\$400.00
CALVARY (Swannanoa)	\$ 50.00	50.00
CANTON	100.00	250.00
CEDAR HILL	189.00	189.00
FAIRVIEW	211.90	209.46
FAITH	524.00	241.00
GETHESEMANE	185.00	
HILLTOP	200.00	
HOMER'S CHAPEL	225.00	225.00
LENOIR		
LIBERTY	625.00	464.00
MARION - FIRST		797.61
MEADOWBROOK	161.79	607.44
NORTHVIEW	197.62	200.31
NOWLING CHAPEL	1,500.00	
PISGAH		
ROARING CREEK		
ROCKY PASS	255.00	255.00
SWANNANOA	150.00	150.00
ZEPHYR HILLS	.	
Total	<u>\$5,574.31</u>	<u>\$4,038.82</u>

Flood Victims Donations

SWANNANOA	\$1,184.00	ROCKY PASS	700.00
NOWLINGS CHAPEL	1,500.00	FAIRVIEW	300.00
CEDAR HILL	1,000.00	ZEPHYR HILLS	1,075.00
CALVARY (Swannanoa)	140.00		
Total	<u>\$5,899.00</u>		
Reimbursed to Youth Board	<u>- 4,000.00</u>		
Balance	<u>\$1,899.00</u>		

Executive Board Report – Bro. Alan Sailors

Youth Fund Board Report – Sent by Bro. Rocky Reese

Blue Ridge Youth Fund Report 11/06/2021

Beginning Balance – Aug. 7, 2021 - \$16,038.29

Receipts

From Treasurer – Aug 7, 2021 – Nov 6, 2021 925.35
(Reimbursement from Offerings) \$ 4,000.00
Subtotal \$ 20,963.64

Disbursements

Don Lee – Flood Relief 1,000.00
Kelly Smith – Flood Relief 1,000.00
Vickie Pinkerton – Flood Relief 1,000.00
Taylor Fischer – Flood Relief 1,000.00
Bank chg. For Certified Check for T. Fischer 8.00
(Ran out of regular checks)
Youth Fund Balance – Nov 6, 2021 \$16,955.64

Respectfully Submitted, Rocky Reese, Youth Board Treasurer

Blue Ridge FWB Association 19

Women Active For Christ – Sister Jackie Fish

Promotional Director’s Report – Bro. Elisha Fish

Ordaining Council Report – No Report

Home Mission Board Report – Bro. Randy Stone M/S/C

The Mission Board met on October 28, 2021 and proposed:

- 1. That beginning in January 2022 we continue our support for the Calvary Church (January through April of 2022) at \$250/month.
- 2. That beginning in January 2022 we increase our support for the Hickory Mission Work from \$250/month to \$500/month. This is an amount that we feel we can sustain for the duration of the project.

Sincerely,
Larry Collins Elisha Fish Wayne Miller Randy Stone Jack Ward

Finance Committee Report – Bro’s. Ralph Reep, Jack Ward, Sam Frady
Offering to go to Panama Missions – Offering was \$328.00

Credentials Committee Report – Bro’s. Wayne Miller, Roger Boone,
& Bro’s. Charles Sutherland, Cory E
14 Ministers, 19 Delegates, 12 Visitors, Total – 45 present

Recognition of Visitors
Free Will Baptist Family Ministries – Bro. Bobby Shehan read report for Bro. Mike Allison
Thank you for everything that you have done for Free Will Baptist Family Ministries Children's Home & Hope Center.in Greeneville, TN.
We are in our 82nd year as a ministry.
We are currently serving between 140 & 150 children on a daily basis.
We have over 60 children in our Foster Care program. We had 28 children saved in 2020.
We had 93 babies born through the Hope Center ministry in 2020.
We are about to open our Maternity Home which will have 5 apartments for young mothers and their baby.
We have recently started a new Drug & Alcohol Program.
The Oaks Retreat hosted over 1,100 campers in 2020 and over 5,000 in 2019.
Please pray that 2021 will be safe for everyone attending our camp.
Theresa& I look forward to coming to your church and share with you what God is doing through Free Will Baptist Family Ministries.

Panama Missions - Rev. Steve Lytle (Missionary from 1975-2015)

State Prom. Director of The Free Will Baptist - Rev. Reuben Cason

Motion and Second made to close Business Session

Worship

Welcome - Rev Roger Boone of Cedar Hill FWB Church
Offering - Money Received total\$ 328.00
Special Music - "The Joyful Sound Trio"
Speaker - Rev. Harold Webb of Liberty FWB Church
Title - "The Blessing of Surrender" Text - 2 Kings 7:3-10
Brother Harold brought a wonderful message about "How the choices we make will affect the outcome that follows "The Blessing of Surrender.

**BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING of 2021-2022
GETHSEMANE FWB CHURCH, MARION, NC
FEBRUARY 5, 2022**

Preliminaries

Opened with Prayer & Congregational Singing - Bro. Allen Fredell
Congregational Song – I Never Shall Forget The Day
Welcome – Rev. Ralph Reep, Host Pastor
Response – Bro. Bobby Shehan
Devotion – Rev. Charles Chandler, Affiliated Mount Bethel FWB
Title – “Peace with God” Text - John 14: 26-27

Roll Call of Churches – Asked all to please us Sign-in Sheets

Business -

Recognition & Welcome of Visitors – Bro. Alan Sailors
Bro. Mike & Theresa Allison – FWB Family Ministries
Jonathan Huff – Project Hickory
Treasurer’s Report – February 1, 2020 – Sister Carrie Padgett M/S/C

**THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT
October – December 2021**

GENERAL FUND

Ending checking balance September 30, 2021	\$12,460.97
Total deposits through December 31, 2021	2,510.73
Association offering November 6, 2021	328.00
Total	\$15,299.70

Administrative expense:

Clerk’s Expense (Postage)	\$ 23.20	
FWB International Missions (Panama Ministries)	928 .00	
	\$951.20	-951.20
	Subtotal	\$14,348.50
Paid to Youth Board		- 574.12
	*Balance	\$13,774.38

*Note: We have a balance remaining of \$1,899.00 from emergency donations given during previous quarter included in this amount.
Ending checking balance December 31, 2021 - \$7,216.67

Treasurer's Report Cont'd

MISSIONS FUND

Fund balance November 6, 2021		\$25,862.28
Receipts this quarter		<u>903.21</u>
	Subtotal	\$26,765.49
Calvary Church-Swannanoa		- 1,500.00
Project Hickory		<u>750.00</u>
	Balance	\$24,515.49

MINISTERS FUND

Fund balance November 6, 2021		\$1,300.25
Receipts this quarter		<u>114.82</u>
	Subtotal	\$1,415.07
Donation to FWB Family Min. in memory of Mrs. Nadine Collins		<u>100.00</u>
	Balance	\$1,315.07

WELCH COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Fund balance November 6, 2021		\$6,175.87
Receipts this quarter		<u>57.41</u>
	Balance	\$6,233.28

SOUTHEASTERN FWB COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Fund balance November 6, 2021		\$8,311.88
Receipts this quarter		<u>57.41</u>
	Balance	\$8,369.29

Ending savings account balance September 30, 2021 - \$25,814.18

Ending savings account balance December 31, 2021 - \$26,029.11

Contributions from the Churches

<u>CHURCHES</u>	<u>April-June</u> <u>2021</u>	<u>July-Sept</u> <u>2021</u>	<u>Oct - Dec</u> <u>2021</u>
CALVARY (Glendale Sprgs)	\$1,000.00		
CALVARY (R. College)		\$400.00	\$400.00
CALVARY (Swannanoa)	\$ 50.00	50.00	50.00
CANTON	100.00	250.00	
CEDAR HILL	189.00	189.00	189.00
FAIRVIEW	211.90	209.46	107.09
FAITH	524.00	241.00	
GETHSEMANE	185.00		
HILLTOP	200.00		300.00
HOMER'S CHAPEL	225.00	225.00	225.00
LENOIR			
LIBERTY	625.00	464.00	479.00
MARION - FIRST		797.61	
MEADOWBROOK	161.79	607.44	214.27
NORTHVIEW	197.62	200.31	141.37
NOWLING CHAPEL	1,500.00		
PISGAH			
ROARING CREEK			
ROCKY PASS	255.00	255.00	255.00
SWANNANOA	150.00	150.00	150.00
ZEPHYR HILLS			
Total	<u>\$5,574.31</u>	<u>\$4,038.82</u>	<u>\$2,510.73</u>

Executive Board Report – No Report

Youth Board Report – Bro. Caleb Davis

Blue Ridge Youth Fund Report

02/05/2022

Beginning Balance – Nov. 6, 2021	-	\$16,955.64
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Receipts

From Treasurer – 3rd Quarter (Nov-Feb) 574.12

Disbursements

No Disbursements	0
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Youth Fund Balance – Feb. 5, 2022 **\$17,529.76**

Respectfully Submitted, Rocky Reese, Youth Board Treasurer

***The Pastor's Fellowship at Zephyr Hills FWB, Asheville, NC,**

Tues. Feb 15th @ 11:00 a.m. Bro. Daniel Cason to bring the devotion

Women Active For Christ -

We did not get to meet for our Fall meeting in October because of the circumstances with the Covid Virus. I have encouraged our ladies that even in uncertain times we can still make a difference as a Women's Ministry as we pray for each other and have compassion during this time for one another. "And of some have compassion, making a difference:" Jude 1:22. Each one of us are in some way making a difference in someone's life as a wife, mother, sister and church member!

Our ladies still continue to send in offerings to our Blue Ridge WAC and help to support our state projects; Gravestone Project in Japan, Wayne Spruill (NAM) in Hawaii, Welch College and Southeastern FWB College. Continue to pray for our Missionaries as well as our churches and their Pastors in this difficult time.

Our next meeting for our Blue Ridge Women's Ministry will be Saturday, April 2, 2022 at Swannanoa Free Will Baptist Church at 9:30am. Rev. Brandon Smith with our North America Ministries "Project Hickory" will be with us and bring the message. Everyone is welcome.

Submitted by Michelle Sailors

Promotional Director's Report – Bro. Elisha Fish

I have been in 2 of our churches this quarter. We need to pray for Bro. Freddy Lindsey and his family, his father, Bro. Leonard Lindsey passed away on February 3rd. Pray for Bro. Roger Boone who had a stint put in his heart and is doing much better. Continue praying for all of our churches and pastors during this difficult time. Do remember the churched who are without pastors. Pray for Bro. Brandon Smith and the Huffs and the Hickory Work.

Respectively Submitted by: Brother Elisha Fish

Ordaining Council Report – No Report

Mission Board Report – No Report

Nominating Committee appointed by Moderator

Those appointed were: Bro. Randy Stone as Chairman, Bro. Jack Ward and Bro. Daniel Cason

Credentials Committee Report – Bro. Allen Fredell & Bro. Caleb Davis

16 Ministers, 7 Delegates, 8 Visitors = Total Present 31

Finance Committee Report –

Finance Committee recommends offering go to Hickory Work

Offering was \$116.00

Other Reports

Report from Bro. Jonathan Huff – Hickory Work

Pray for the work and unity, both families have now moved to Hickory. Get prayer card and coffee mugs for the pastors let them remind you to pray for the work.

FWB Family Ministries - Bro. Mike Allison

Bro. Jim McComas – Exec. Director sends his greetings and a heartfelt thank you to all the churches and pastors in the Blue Ridge Association for all of your prayers and support for FWB Family Ministries and the Hope Center in Greeneville, TN and the 3 children's homes in Arkansas and for allowing Theresa and I to come to your church year after year to give an update on how God is touching so many lives. Theresa and I have been with Family Ministries 16 ½ years.

Serving 150 children daily, over 150 saved in 2021

A retirement reception was given in honor of Sharon Hodgens marking 29 years of faithful service to Family Ministries. She was an advocate for the unborn and became a “momma and grandma” to countless ladies and their babies through the Hope Center. Sharon had a dream for a Maternity Home. On Thursday, February 24th at 2:00 pm a ribbon cutting ceremony will see the dream come true. Everyone is invited to attend.

Also, please consider letting FWB Family Ministries be your Vacation Bible School mission project for 2022.

Theresa and I look forward to coming to your church this year to give and update.

Also, I have a card in the packets passed out to the pastors with my phone number and email. If you have anything going on at your church we would be glad to post it on our Facebook page and send it out in an email.

Theresa and I want to thank you for your prayer and friendship.

Free Will Baptist Family Ministries.

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

Worship

Congregational Singing – Bro. Allen Fredell – Amazing Grace

Offering – \$116.00 – Going to Project Hickory

Prayer – Bro. Alan Sailors

Special Singing – Bro. Johnathan Huff – “Thank You Jesus for the Blood”

Message – Rev. Elisha Fish, Assist. Pastor– Cedar Hill FWB, Asheville, NC

Judges 5:31 – Love Makes Sons (let them that love him be as the sun)

Religion of Fear, Religion of Force, Religion of Form

But Religion of Faith –Based on Love Is what we want

Judges 5:31 and Matt. 22:37

Thy Passions, thy person, the perception – all thy might, battle of the mind,

with all thy mind. Mark 12:30 – With all thy strength

Grand Conception – Love, Grand Climax – in his might

Great Contrast – Between the wicked and those that love Him

Matt. 5:44 – Let your light shine, Eze 33:18 – No pleasure in the death of the wicked, 2 Peter 3: - not willing any should perish

There is a rest at the end. Promise, Partaker, Perpetuity

Other Bible verses used: Colossians 3:2, Mark 12:30

Some Key Thoughts: Thou Shalt Love, We must desire with all our heart, commit your soul to Christ, We must give our all and there is a battle for your mind. “Rest in the Lord” If God be for us who can be against us?!

**BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING
FAITH FWB CHURCH, MORGANTON, NC
MAY 7, 2022**

Preliminaries

Opening Prayer – Bro. Allen Fredell

Congregational Song – “I Would Not Be Denied” led by Bro. Allen Fredell

Welcome - Bro. Rocky Reese, Host Pastor

Response – Bro. Frank Woods

Devotion – Bro. Allen Fredell, Pastor – Northview FWB, Statesville, NC

Read 1 Peter 1:25 – And stated – We must understand and remember that power comes from God’s Word and not anything many says or does.

Business Session

Moderator, Bro. Alan Sailors moved to open Business Session

Recognition and Welcome of Visitors

Bro. Mike & Theresa Allison, FWB Family Ministries

Bro. Brandon & Shelly Smith, Project Hickory

Roll Call of Churches and Ministers – Bro. Rocky Reese

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

FOURTH QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

January – March 2022

GENERAL FUND

Ending checking balance December 31, 2021	\$ 7,216.67
Receipts this quarter	5,568.13
Association offering February 5, 2022	<u>116.00</u>
Total	\$12,900.80
Administrative expense:	
IM Inc. (Panama Partnership/Chame Church)	<u>- 600.00</u>
Subtotal	\$12,300.80
Paid to Youth Board	<u>-1,338.89</u>
Balance	\$10,961.91
Ending checking balance March 31, 2022 - \$12,639.35	

MISSIONS FUND

Fund balance February 5, 2022	\$ 24,515.49
Receipts this quarter	<u>1,819.24</u>
Subtotal	\$ 26,334.73
Calvary Church-Swannanoa	<u>-750.00</u>
Project Hickory	<u>-1,500.00</u>
Balance	\$ 24,084.73

MINISTERS FUND

Fund balance February 5, 2022	\$ 1,315.07
Receipts this quarter	<u>267.78</u>
Subtotal	\$ 1,582.85
Flowers for Bro. Leonard Lindsey Funeral	106.75
Bro. Roger Boone	<u>500.00</u>
Balance	\$ 976.10

WELCH COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Fund balance February 5, 2022		\$ 6,233.28
Receipts this quarter		<u>133.89</u>
	Subtotal	\$ 6,367.17
Lauren Heather Thomas		<u>- 500.00</u>
	Balance	\$ 5,867.17

SOUTHEASTERN FWB COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Fund balance February 5, 2022	\$ 8,369.29
Receipts this quarter	<u>133.89</u>
Balance	\$ 8,503.18

Ending savings account balance December 31, 2021 - \$ 26,029.11

Ending savings account balance March 31, 2021 - \$ 21,972.26

Contributions from the Churches

<u>CHURCHES</u>	<u>April-June</u> <u>2021</u>	<u>July-Sept</u> <u>2021</u>	<u>Oct - Dec</u> <u>2021</u>	<u>Jan-Mar</u> <u>2022</u>
CALVARY (Glendale Sprgs)	\$1,000.00			
CALVARY (R. College)		\$400.00	\$400.00	
CALVARY (Swannanoa)	\$ 50.00	50.00	50.00	\$ 50.00
CANTON	100.00	250.00		100.00
CEDAR HILL	189.00	189.00	189.00	188.00
FAIRVIEW	211.90	209.46	107.09	225.17
FAITH	524.00	241.00		456.00
GETHSEMANE	185.00			
HILLTOP	200.00		300.00	
HOMER'S CHAPEL	225.00	225.00	225.00	225.00
LENOIR				500.00
LIBERTY	625.00	464.00	479.00	507.00
MARION - FIRST		797.61		
MEADOWBROOK	161.79	607.44	214.27	212.58
NORTHVIEW	197.62	200.31	141.37	169.38
NOWLING CHAPEL	1,500.00			2,320.00
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>210.00</u>
Total	<u>\$5,574.31</u>	<u>\$4,038.82</u>	<u>\$2,510.73</u>	<u>\$5,568.13</u>

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
APRIL 1, 2021 TO MARCH 31, 2022

GENERAL FUND

Ending checking balance March 31, 2021		\$ 4,274.25
Total deposits through March 31, 2022		17,691.99
Association Offerings (4 Quarters)		<u>762.24</u>
	Total	\$ 22,728.48
Administrative expense:		
NCFWB Association dues (21 churches)	\$ 4,900.00	
Clerk and Treasurer:	500.00	
\$250.00 each for services rendered		
Executive Board expense	140.66	
Calvary, Swannanoa for roof repair	200.00	
IM, Inc. (Panama Part./Chame Church)	2,728.00	
Clerk's expense	45.20	
Printing of Minutes	294.38	
Fidelity bond for Treasurer	<u>359.00</u>	
	Total	\$ 9,227.24
		<u>-\$ 9,227.24</u>
	Subtotal	\$13,501.24
Paid to Youth Board		<u>- 2,838.36</u>
	Balance	\$10,662.88

Ending checking balance March 31, 2022 - \$12,639.35

MISSIONS FUND

Fund balance March 31, 2021		\$ 24,402.64
Receipts this year		<u>4,332.09</u>
	Subtotal	\$ 33,734.73
Calvary Church (Swannanoa)		-5,250.00
IM, Inc. (Matthew Price & Victoria Little \$300.00 each)		- 600.00
NC State Missions - (Roanoke & Asheboro Funds \$1200 each)		- 600.00
Project Hickory		<u>- 3,200.00</u>
	Balance	\$ 24,084.73

MINISTERS BENEVOLENT FUND

Fund balance March 31, 2021		\$ 1,707.71
Receipts this year		<u>475.14</u>
	Subtotal	\$ 2,182.85
Bro. Freddy Lindsey, for medical expense		- 500.00
Donation to FWB Family Ministries in memory of Nadine Collins-		100.00
Flowers for Bro. Leonard Lindsey service		- 106.75
Bro. Roger Boone, for medical expense		<u>- 500.00</u>
	Balance	\$ 975.10

WELCH COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Fund balance March 31, 2021		\$ 6,629.60
Receipts this year		<u>237.57</u>
	Subtotal	\$ 6,867.17
Lauren Heather Thomas acct.		<u>-\$ 1,000.00</u>
	Balance	\$ 5,867.17

SOUTHEASTERN FWB COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Fund balance March 31, 2021	\$ 8,265.62
Receipts this year	<u>237.56</u>
Balance	\$ 8,503.18
Ending savings account balance March 31, 2021 -	\$ 34,213.42
Ending savings account balance March 31, 2022 -	\$ 21,972.26

Executive Board Report – No Report

Youth Board Report – Bro. Caleb Davis

Blue Ridge Youth Fund Report - 05/01/2022

<u>Beginning Balance</u> – February 5, 2022	-	\$ 17,529.76
<u>Receipts</u>		
From Treasurer – (Feb 5, 2022 – May 7, 2022)	<u>\$ 1,338.89</u>	
Subtotal		\$ 17,538.29

Disbursements

No Disbursements	<u>0</u>
Youth Fund Balance –May 7, 2022	\$ 18,868.65
Respectfully Submitted, Rocky Reese, Youth Board Treasurer	

Women Active for Christ Report – Submitted by Michelle Sailors

Our Blue Ridge Women’s Ministry came together on Saturday, April 2, 2022 at Swannanoa Free Will Baptist Church. The theme was “God’s Amazing Love” with the scripture, “We love Him because He first loved us.” 1 John 4:19.

Rev. Brandon Smith with our North America Ministries “Project Hickory” shared his calling to plant a church in Hickory and brought us a wonderful message reminding us in order for us to love one another we must first love Jesus Christ. “Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.” Matthew 22:37

Our NCWAC State Meeting was held Saturday, April 30th at Sherwood Forest FWB Church in New Bern, NC. With an attendance of 132 and a theme of “When God Intervenes”, God’s faithfulness during the 2021-2022 year was celebrated!

Nationally, WNAC reported total giving for missions and various ministries was \$425,471.20. North Carolina women gave \$31,093.56, ranking 7th in the nation.

Reports also showed all NCWAC projects met and exceeded their goals for the following: IM (Impact Japan Gravestone Project) (\$10,000), NAM (Carl and Cynthia Spruill in Hawaii) (\$5,843.06), Welch College (\$1856) and Southeastern FWB College (\$2318). God is good!

The New Mission Projects for the coming year that were adopted: Impact Ivory Coast Miley Project (renovating the medical clinic and equipment) with goal of \$10,000, Project Hickory in NC (new church plant) with goal of \$5000, and Southeastern FWB College (art work for classrooms), and Welch College (outdoor furniture) with goal of \$3500.

***The NCWAC Special Emphasis Offering is to continue to raise funds as we make plans to host the 2023 WNAC Convention to be held in Raleigh, NC. Our Goal is \$20,000 by the end of this year. Our next Blue Ridge Women’s Meeting will be a Brunch on Saturday, August 20, 2022 at Rocky Pass FWB Church at 10:30am. All District Churches are invited!**

Promotional Directors Report – Bro. Elisha Fish

I have been in 3 of our churches this quarter. In April I went to Zephyr Hills FWB Church to help celebrate their 100th year celebration. That is a real accomplishment and show great leadership, and unity in their church. They have had a lot of good pastors. Congratulations Zephyr Hills! Pray for Bro. Brian Bird who is still recovering from surgery on his broken ankle. Thankfully he has been able to sit in a chair to preach. Pray for Bro. Roger Boone who has some illness this year. Sadly, Sister Ann Reynolds passed away yesterday, Friday, May 6, 2022. Pray for all of our pastors and churches. Pray for our Lord Jesus Christ to return and that we are looking up and expecting His return. May God Bless you all. Respectively Submitted, Bro. Elisha Fish

Ordaining Council Report – No Report

Bro. Alan Sailors M/S/C

Mission Board Report – Bro. Randy Stone M/S/C

- 1. The Blue Ridge Association’s commitment to Calvary FWB Church, Swannanoa, NC was completed April 30, 2022
 - 2. We are continuing our commitment to the Hickory Project at \$500 per month.
- Sincerely, Wayne Miller, Elisha Fish, Jack Ward, Larry Collins, Randy Stone

Credential’s Committee’s Report – Bro. Bobby Shehan

Ministers -19 Delegates - 18 Visitors – 10 Total Present- 52

Finance Committee Report –

**Offering - \$184 voted to raise to \$250
Offering to go to Project Hickory at Calvary, Swannanoa**

Nominating Committee Report – Bro. Randy Stone M/S/C

Moderator – Bro. Brandon Smith (2024)

Asst. Moderator - Bro. Brandon Smith (2024)

Clerk - Bro. Rocky Reese (2024)

Asst. Clerk - Bro. Bobby Shehan (2024)

Treasurer - Sister Carrie Padgett (2024)

Historian – Indefinite term – Vacancy not filled (no nominations)

Promotional Director – Indefinite term – Bro. Elisha Fish

Nominating Committee Report Cont'd – Bro. Randy Stone
Executive Board - Nominate 3 Members at Large (1 year term – 2023)
Bro. Jack Ward, Bro. Caleb Davis, Bro. Roger Boone
Ordaining Council –

Bro. Alan Sailors replacing Bro. Freddy Lindsey– (2027)

Youth Board –

Bro. Brandon Smith replacing Bro. Brandon Smith (2027)

Home Mission Board -

Bro. Wayne Miller replacing Bro. Wayne Miller (2027)

Trustee Board – to serve Indefinite

Bro. Chris Connor, Bro. Rocky Reese, Bro. Brian Bird

Other Reports

Hickory Project – Bro. Brandon Smith –Thank you for taking on the project. God has been faithful. 75% of support raised, Goal of raising \$100,000 for startup, Plan and Vision and Goal, Goal to raise 100% of support by end of year, No property or building but a burden
Will announce name of church at State Meeting

Free Will Baptist Family Ministries – Bro. Mike Allison

Thank you for everything that you have done and are doing for Free Will Baptist Family Ministries Children's Home & Hope Center in Greeneville, TN. We are in our 83rd year as a ministry.

We are currently servicing between 140 and 150 children on a daily basis. That included around 60 children in Foster Care.

We have over 100 senior citizens in our assisted-living facilities. We had over 150 souls saved in 2021 throughout our ministry.

We recently had a ribbon cutting ceremony for our Maternity Home. We have between 6 & 8 teenagers in our Drug & Alcohol Program. The Oaks Retreat is looking forward to an exciting year at camp.

Theresa & I are looking forward to coming to your church and share with you what God is doing through Free Will Baptist Family Ministries.

Harvest Child Care Ministry – Bro. Larry Collins for Bro. Carl Miller
Sent greetings, pray for the Ministry

Worship

Bro. Brandon Smith took over as Moderator

Prayer Bro. Brandon Smith

Congregational Singing – Led by Bro. Allen Fredell – Leaning On the Everlasting Arms

Offering - \$184.00

Special Singing – Allen & Wesley Fredell – Old Preacher Man

Wesley Fredell & Sue Reese – God picked out a valley for me & I am so blessed

Wesley Fredell – The Best Thing that's ever happened to me

Message– Bro. Jack Ward – Affiliated Swannanoa FWB, Swannanoa, NC

**1 Sam. 30 - I Want My Stuff Back! Satan came to steal, kill and destroy
Some things that we have lost: Joy, Peace, Relationships, Purpose, Identity
Told the story of Jack and the Beanstalk**

As Christians we are connected to a Vine (Jesus Christ)

We must all go get our stuff back

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 7, Baptisms 3, Members Added 4,
Members Lost 6, Total Membership 163, 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 1, Ordained Deacons 4, Baptisms 1, Total Membership 120,
S.S. Enrollment 60

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, Ordained Deacon 1, Members Lost 4, Total Membership 116

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, Members Lost 1,
Total Membership 49, Master's Men 6

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, Members Lost 2, Total Membership 43, S.S. Enrollment 16,
Woman's Aux. Enrollment 13

Fairview: 1708 Stacy Hill Rd., Marion, NC 28752
Pastor:
Clerk: Betty Miller, 43 Randolph Rd., Marion, NC 28752 (828) 925-3361
Ordained Ministers 1, Licensed Ministers 1, Ordained Deacons 6, Members Lost 2,
Total Membership 90, S.S. Enrollment 27, 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 7, Baptisms 10,
Members Added 10, Members Lost 5, Total Membership 233, S.S. Enrollment 35

- 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, Members Added 1, Members Lost 3,
Total Membership 36
- 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: Kristy Echols., Travelers Rest, SC 29690 (864) 566-2620
Ordained Ministers 1, Licensed Ministers 1, Ordained Deacons 1, Baptisms 13,
Members Added 11, Total Membership 48
- 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, Total Membership 52,
S.S. Enrollment 20, Woman's Aux. Enrollment 10
- Lenoir First:** Morganton Blvd, Lenoir, NC 28645 (828) 292-8333
(Mailing Address: 2245 Marcus Dr., Granite Falls, NC 28630)
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, Baptisms 13, Members Added 13,
Members Lost 4, Total Membership 154, S.S Enrollment 32
- 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 5, Baptisms 1, Members Added 1,
Members Lost 2, Total Membership 125, S. S. Enrollment 65
- Marion First:** 947 Baldwin Ave., Marion, NC 28752 (828) 442-0260
(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 267,
S.S. Enrollment 75, Woman's Aux. Enrollment 11
- 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, Ordained Deacons 9, Baptisms 2,
Members Added 10, Members Lost 11, Total Membership 122
- Northview:** 112 Bethlehem Rd., Statesville, NC 28677
Pastor: Rev. Allen Fredell, 107 Summers Rd., Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 764-7314
Clerk: Janet Connolly, 2445 S. Chipley Ford Rd., Statesville, NC 28625 (704) 876-6574
Ordained Ministers 2, Licensed Ministers 1, Ordained Deacons 2, Total Membership 42

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) 460-7241
Clerk: Melissa Davis, P.O. Box 3083. Morganton, NC 28680 (828) 403-7477
Ordained Ministers 2, Licensed Ministers 2, Ordained Deacons 6, Members Lost 25,
Total Membership 175, 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, Total Membership 62

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 Lost 1, Total Membership 25,
S.S. Enrollment 15

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, Members Added 8, Members Lost 15,
Total Membership 253, Women's Aux. Enrollment 26, 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
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 79, Woman's Aux. Enrollment 13

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 3, Total Membership 75,
S.S. Enrollment 25, 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

<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>
Hilltop	Aug. 6, 2022
Homer's Chapel	Nov. 5, 2022
Lenoir	Feb. 4, 2023
Liberty	May 6, 2023

Pastor Fellowship Meetings – Coordinator – Bro. Caleb Davis

<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Moose Café	Aug. 30, 2022	6:00 p.m. (Family Fellowship)
TBA	Sept. 20, 2022	11:00 a.m.
TBA	Oct. 18, 2022	11:00 a.m.
TBA	Nov. 15, 2022	11:00 a.m.
TBA	Jan. 17, 2023	11:00 a.m.
TBA	Feb. 21, 2023	11:00 a.m.
TBA	Mar. 21, 2023	11:00 a.m.
TBA	Apr. 18, 2023	11:00 a.m.
TBA	May 16, 2023	11:00 a.m.

*No meetings in June, July, or December

North Carolina State Meeting

<u>Place</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Embassy Suites Greensboro, NC	June 5-6, 2023

87th National Association Meeting of Free Will Baptist

<u>Place</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Raleigh, NC	July 16-19, 2023

