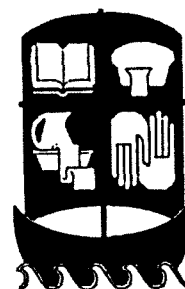


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Rev. Rocky Reese

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DEDICATION

The Blue Ridge Association of Free Will Baptist gratefully dedicate the 2023 edition of the minutes to Brother Mike Allison.

Brother Mike Allison was humble, kind and a dedicated man of God who served as the field representative for Free Will Baptist Family Ministries since 2005. He visited churches in North Carolina, South Carolina and a portion of Tennessee sharing what God had done and was doing with the support of the churches through their prayers and provisions. He always had a smile on his face and a joke to make you smile. But Brother Mike was known most of all for the love that he held in his heart for the children that he represented for over 18 years.

Brother Mike left behind a loving wife (Theresa) of 41 years who shared his passion They faithfully served together until his passing on Thursday March 30, 2023. But remember the words Brother Mike would say, "God Does All Things Well".

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Danny Forbes
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**BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING of 2022-2023
HILLTOP FWB CHURCH, TRAVELERS REST, SC
AUGUST 6, 2022**

Preliminaries

Opening – Bro. Brandon Smith, Moderator
Prayer – Bro. Elisha Fish
Congregational Singing – “Just A Little Talk With Jesus”
Welcome – Bro. Chris Conner – Host Pastor
Response – Bro. Freddy Lindsey
Devotion – Bro. Brian Bird, Pastor – Marion First, Marion, NC
Soul Winning lessons from a Great Soul Winner – 1 Cor. 2:1-6

Business

Recognition & Welcome of Visitors – Bro. Brandon Smith
Bro. Reuben Cason – NC Promotional Director
Roll Call of Churches & Ministers – Bro. Rocky Reese

Reports

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

FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

April – June 2022

GENERAL FUND

Ending Checking Balance — March 31, 2022	\$12,639.25
Receipts this quarter	4,286.26
Assoc. Offering - May 7, 2022	<u>184.00</u>
Total	\$17,109.61

Administrative Expenses:

NCFWB Association Dues 2022	\$4,960.00
Clerk (for services rendered)	250.00
Faith Church, supplies for Annual Meeting	100.00
Countryside BBQ, catering meal	543.58
Countryside BBQ, Executive Board Meeting	107.00
IM, Impact Panama/Chame Church	<u>600.00</u>
	<u>\$6,560.58</u>
	<u>\$10,549.03</u>
Paid to BR Youth Board	<u>- 1010.17</u>
Balance	\$ 9,538.86

Ending checking balance – June 30, 2022 - \$8,208.95

MISSIONS FUND

Fund Balance — May 7, 2022	\$24,084.73
Receipts this quarter	<u>1,457.78</u>
Subtotal	\$25,542.51
Calvary Church – Swannanoa	- 250.00
NC State Home Missions, Project Hickory	<u>-1,750.00</u>
Balance	\$23,542.51

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Treasurer's Report Cont'd - August 6, 2022 – Sister Carrie Padgett

MINISTERS BENEVOLENT FUND

Fund Balance — May 7, 2022	\$ 976.10
Receipts this quarter	<u>202.03</u>
	<u>\$1,178.13</u>
Flowers for Anne Reynolds service	<u>75.00</u>
Balance	\$1,103.13

WELCH COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Fund Balance — May 7, 2022	\$5,867.13
Receipts this quarter	<u>102.02</u>
Balance	\$5,968.19

SOUTHEASTERN FWB COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Fund Balance — May 7, 2022	\$8,265.62
Receipts this quarter	<u>101.02</u>
Balance	\$8,604.20

Ending Saving Acct Balance March 31, 2022 - \$21,972.26

Ending Saving Acct Balance June 30, 2022 - \$22,188.45

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	157.00
FAIRVIEW	115.18
FAITH	216.00
GETHSEMANE	210.00
HILLTOP	200.00
HOMER'S CHAPEL	225.00
LENOIR	250.00
LIBERTY	458.00
MARION - FIRST	159.00
MEADOWBROOK	515.58
NORTHVIEW	225.50
NOWLING CHAPEL	
PISGAH	
ROARING CREEK	
ROCKY PASS	255.00
SWANNANOA	150.00
ZEPHYR HILLS	
Total	\$4,286.26

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Executive Board Report – Bro. Rocky Reese

The Executive Board met June 21, 2022 at Countryside BBQ in Marion, NC
All Board members were present.

Bro. Freddy Lindsey opened the meeting in prayer before the meal.

Meeting called to order by Mod. Brandon Smith

Prayer by Bro. Smith

Scripture was read: Nehemiah 4:1-6

God has called us to service and to lead our people. People had a mind to

work. Encouraged all to keep our eyes upon the Lord.

Items of Business Discussed were:

1. Speakers for the next two meetings were already scheduled.

August Meeting at Hilltop – Devotion Bro. Brian Bird, Message Bro. Roger Boone

November Meeting at Homer's Chapel – Devotion Bro. Alan Sailors, Message Bro. Randy Stone

2. Pastor's Fellowship meetings were discussed. Pastor's Fellowship will be focused on Church Revitalization Book handed out at the State Meeting.

National and State are doing this and it is felt we should be doing this at the District level as well.

3. The idea of not having the August meeting each year was brought to the Moderator, so the Moderator brought it to the Executive Board.

Thots mentioned were if we have to cancel the February meeting for inclement weather then we would be down to 2 meetings that year.

Another thought discussed was could the August meeting be moved to another Saturday.

After further discussion the motion was made to try and make the August meeting better, so it is better attended than to cancel having it. To Pray, Plan and Promote the August meeting. Maybe by getting special speakers and special singers.

This motion was Seconded and Carried.

4. North Carolina is preparing to host the National next year in Raleigh. The NC WAC is having to provide the funds to host the WAC part of the National.

The Executive Board was asked if the Blue Ridge could do something to help fund the National WAC meeting in Raleigh? Since there is two members of the Youth Board on the Executive Board motion was made to see if the Youth Fund could give \$1000.00 to help fund the WAC in Raleigh. And that the August Association offering go to the youth fund? That this be sent to the Youth Board for their approval and suggestion. Motion was seconded and carried.

Meeting was closed in prayer by Bro. Jack Ward

These items are for your information.

Blue Ridge Youth Board Report – Bro. Chris Conner - MSC

The Youth Board has agreed if it is ok with the body to donate the \$1000.00 to the WAC to help with their funding for the National Association Meeting in Raleigh next year.

I make this my motion to the \$1000 from the Youth Fund and give it to the WAC for funding their need at the National in Raleigh next year.

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Blue Ridge Youth Fund Report

08/06/2022

Beginning Balance – May 7, 2022 - \$18,868.65

Receipts

From Treasurer – (May7 thru Aug. 6, 2022) \$1,010.17

Disbursements

No Disbursements 0

Youth Fund Balance - Aug 6, 2022 \$19,878.82

Respectfully Submitted, Rocky Reese - Youth Board Treasurer

Women Active for Christ Report – read by Bro. Brandon Smith

Our Women Nationally Active for Christ gathered together in July at the National Convention in Birmingham, Alabama. Our interim Director, Phyllis York introduced our New WNAC Director Ruth McDonald who will start officially on November 1st. Ruth and her husband Donnie have been missionaries in Japan for 38 years. As they come off the mission field Ruth will be a wonderful asset to our WNAC, for she has seen first-hand how our FWB Women have helped many ministries and missions through the years. Ruth reminded us of our WNAC mission statement as the Free Will Baptist Women's Ministries Department. "WNAC exists to provide opportunities for each woman to fulfill the Great Commission through her God-designed rolls at home and abroad. Recognizing and respecting pastoral leadership, WNAC desires to assist local congregations in implementing and encouraging thriving, biblically based, outward focused women's groups. We desire to work together to accomplish Kingdom goals."

Our Blue Ridge WAC will continue to help with our New State Mission Projects; 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, Southeastern FWB College (artwork for classrooms), and Welch College (outdoor furniture) with goal together of \$3500. Also, our 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.

*Our Blue Ridge Women's Brunch will be this month at Rocky Pass FWB Church on Saturday, August 20th at 10:30am. All ladies from every church are invited to come for fellowship, fun and surprises.

*Our next Blue Ridge Women's Meeting will be October 1, 2022 at Zephyr Hills FWB Church in Asheville.

We are thankful to our Blue Ridge Association for their continued support!

Submitted by Michelle Sailors (828-803-0151)

Promotional Director's Report – Bro. Elisha Fish

I have been to 4 of our churches this quarter. I preached at one Baptist church and I had 2 cancellations for different reasons. Pray for Bro. Wayne Miller, he has to have an MRI on his knee Aug. 20th. Pray for Fairview they are still looking for a pastor. We have 2 other churches without pastors but have someone filling in, pray for them. Pray for the health of all our pastors and their churches.

Respectively Submitted, Rev. Elisha Fish

Ordaining Council Report – Bro. Ralph Reep M/S/C

Needs to meet at break with couple of candidates.

Bro. Roger Hayley and Bro. George DeWitt

Handout given from Resolutions Committee at National

We, the Ordaining Council of the Blue Ridge Association make the motion that we send letters to the following. The NCFWB Executive Board, NAFWB Executive Board, and The Commission for Theological Integrity, stating that we are in favor of Resolutions 2&3 that were presented to the delegates of the 2022 National Convention. Being aware these both were tabled we are affirming our doctrinal belief in favor of them both.

Resolutions 2022 National Association of Free Will Baptists
(Birmingham, Alabama)

Resolution 2 - Resolution on Pastoral Ordination

WHEREAS, God created all persons in His image as male and female to serve under Him on earth to order it as His representatives and therefore, men and women possess equal worth and honor (Gen. 1:26-27; 2:18-24; Matt. 19:4-6; Mk. 10:6-9); and,

WHEREAS, God equips persons for varying roles in the divine order, which begins with Christ, who is the head of all, including the home and the church (1 Cor. 11:3; Col. 1:18); and,

WHEREAS, God's divine order is further manifested in the home as the husband loves his wife as a servant-leader and the wife assists and faithfully follows her husband's leadership in the fulfillment of the divine purpose for the home (Eph. 5:22-6:4; Col. 3:18-19); and,

WHEREAS, God also equips believers for varying roles in the governance of His church (Eph. 4:11-16; 1 Cor. 12:4-5; Rom. 12:4-8); and,

WHEREAS, God's order for the church is manifested in pastors/elders/bishops who are charged with the humble oversight and shepherding of the church (Eph. 4:11-13; Acts 20:28; 1 Tim. 5:17); and,

WHEREAS, all members of the body are charged to strive together to fulfill the mission of Christ's church (1 Pet. 4:10); now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That, while men and women are stewards of divine gifts of service in the church, ordination to the office of pastor/elder/bishop is intended only for qualified men as a reflection of God's order for the home and church (1 Tim. 2:8-15; 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9).

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Resolution 3 - Resolution of Reaffirmation

WHEREAS, the question regarding the ordination of men that have been divorced and remarried to the office of pastor and deacon, has once more been raised amongst our ranks, and be it therefore RESOLVED, that we reaffirm the stated position that was included in the following 1976 resolution of the National Association of Free Will Baptists

"III. PROPER MARITAL STATE OF MINISTERS AND DEACONS.
(1976)

WHEREAS, There continues to be a need to state the position of the National Association of Free Will Baptists on the proper marital status of ministers and deacons; and

WHEREAS, Each body comprising said National Association is hereby encouraged to adopt the herein presented statement or a similar position on marriage for ministers and deacons; while not insisting that any new position be made retroactive but rather established as a standard to be upheld for all new candidates for ministers and deacons; therefore,

Be it resolved:

1. That Paul's statements in 1 Timothy 3:2, 12 and Titus 1:6, namely "The husband of one wife," be looked upon as making ineligible as ministers or deacons anyone who has been divorced and remarried, regardless of the cause of the divorce or the guilt or innocence of either partner.

2. That said persons, whose marital state disqualifies them to be elders or deacons, not be discouraged in their Christian lives or Christian service, but that they be encouraged to live faithfully for Christ and serve him in the education, music, youth, or any other department or activity of the local church; and that such be reminded that deacons and elders are the only church officers for whom the "husband of one wife" prohibition is given. (While certainly it is the ideal for all believers, it is Biblically insisted upon as a requirement for deacons and elders.)"

Ordaining Council recommends the following:

That we accept Bro. Roger Hayley into the Association pending letter of Good Standing from the Appalachian Association.

That Bro. George DeWitt be ordained. He is currently ordained by an Independent church now.

Home Missions Board Report – by Bro. Brandon Smith

From Bro. Randy Stone

Hickory Project was commissioned at the State Meeting

At 75% support

8 couples interested from Hickory to get church going

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Credentials Committee Report – Bro. Bobby Shehan
14 Ministers, 11 Delegates, 1 Visitors, 26- Total Present

Finance Committee Report – Bro. Alan Sailors
Finance Committee recommends the offering go to Youth Fund.
Offering was \$159.00

Other Reports
FWB Family Ministries –
Greetings from Bro. Mike Allison read by Bro. Chris Conner
Harvest Child Care Ministries
Greetings from Bro. Carl Miller

Worship
Prayer – Bro. Sonny Thomas, Jr.
Congregational Song – “I Feel Like Traveling On”
Offering – \$159.00
Special Singing – Sister Lisa Conner and friend Morgan sang
Thank You Jesus For The Blood, & Did I Mention That I Love Him?
Message – Rev. Roger Boone, Pastor –Cedar Hill
2 Chronicles 7:14 Go Back To The Old Time Way
All lives matter to Jesus, We must practice the whole council of God in order
to preach it.
Jer. 6:16 – Seek the Old Paths
Psalms 11:3, Hebrews 11, Jer. 1:1-4 (11) Romans 8:31 If God Be For Us?

BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING of 2022-2023
HOMER'S CHAPEL FWB CHURCH, BLACK MTN, NC
NOVEMBER 5, 2022

Preliminaries

Welcome - Opening & Prayer – Bro. Caleb Davis – Host Pastor
Congregational Singing – Down At The Cross
Word of Testimony – Bro. Caleb Davis
Both sons got saved this week!
Response – Bro. Elisha Fish
Devotion -Bro. Carl Miller , Harvest Child Care Ministries, Duffield, VA
Mark 3:1-12 Keep A Watch On Your Heart
Hard heart of the Pharisees, Holy heart of the Lord
Commanded, Confronted, Jesus became angry because of their hard heart.
They were more concerned about their manmade rules than a man.

Business

Opening of Business Meeting – Motion & Second to open in Business
Recognition and Welcome of Visitors

Bro. James Rogerson
Bro. Carl Miller
Bro. Jonathan Huff
Roll Call of Churches & Ministers – Bro. Rocky Reese

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

SECOND QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

July – September 2022

GENERAL FUND

Ending Checking Balance — June 30, 2022	\$8,208.95
Receipts this quarter	2,469.58
Assoc. Offering - August 6, 2022	160.00
Total	\$10,838.53

Administrative Expenses:

IM, Inc. Impact PA Chame	\$ 600.00	
Clerk's Expense (Postage)	24.00	
Blue Ridge Youth Brd (offering 8-6-22)	160.00	
Printing of Minutes (200 Booklets)	422.52	
CRA Surety, Bond for Treasurer	359.00	
	<u>\$1,565.52</u>	<u>-\$1,565.52</u>
Subtotal		\$9,273.01
Paid to Youth Board		<u>- 579.50</u>
Balance		\$8,693.51
Ending Checking Balance – Sept. 30, 2022	\$9,977.88	

MISSIONS FUND

Fund balance August 6, 2022	\$23,542.51
Receipts this quarter	<u>846.97</u>
Subtotal	\$24,389.48
NC State Home Missions (Project Hickory)	<u>-1,500.00</u>
Balance	\$22,889.48

MINISTERS FUND

Fund balance August 6, 2022	\$1,103.13
Receipts this quarter	<u>115.90</u>
Total	\$1,219.03

WELCH COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Fund balance August 6, 2022	\$5,968.19
Receipts this quarter	<u>57.95</u>
Total	\$6,026.14

SOUTHEASTERN FWB COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Fund balance August 6, 2022	\$8,604.20
Receipts this quarter	<u>57.95</u>
Balance	\$8,662.15

Ending savings account balance - June 30, 2022 - \$22,188.45

Ending savings account balance - September 30, 2022 - \$17,064.50

Contributions from the Churches

CHURCHES	April-June 2022	July-Sept 2022
CALVARY (Glendale Sprgs)	\$1,000.00	
CALVARY (R. College)		
CALVARY (Swannanoa)	\$ 50.00	
CANTON	100.00	
CEDAR HILL	157.00	156.00
FAIRVIEW	115.18	211.01
FAITH	216.00	232.00
GETHSEMANE	210.00	
HILLTOP	200.00	200.00
HOMER'S CHAPEL	225.00	225.00
LENOIR	250.00	
LIBERTY	458.00	463.00
MARION - FIRST	159.00	426.00
MEADOWBROOK	515.58	151.57
NORTHVIEW	225.50	
NOWLING CHAPEL		
PISGAH		
ROARING CREEK		
ROCKY PASS	255.00	255.00
SWANNANOVA	150.00	150.00
ZEPHYR HILLS		
Total	<u>\$4,286.26</u>	<u>\$2,469.58</u>

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Executive Board Report - No Report

Note from the Clerk: Letters sent to The NCFWB Executive Board, NAFWB Executive Board, and The Commission for Theological Integrity, stating that we are in favor of Resolutions 2&3 that were presented to the delegates of the 2022 National Convention.

Youth Board Report - Bro. Caleb Davis

Blue Ridge Youth Fund Report 11/05/2022
Beginning Balance - Aug. 6, 2022 - \$19,878.82

Receipts

From Treasurer - Aug 6, 2022 - Nov 4, 2022 739.50

Disbursements

N.C.W.A.C. for National Conf. in Raleigh -\$1,000.00
Youth Fund Balance - Nov 4, 2022 \$16,955.64

Respectfully Submitted, Rocky Reese, Youth Board Treasurer

Women Active For Christ - Sister Michelle Sailors

Our Fall Women's Meeting in October was cancelled because of the circumstances with the remnant weather from the hurricane. We still sent in our reports and offerings and will be able to send a love offering to IM Missionary Tyler Justice who was our scheduled speaker. Tyler grew up in North Carolina and will be an intern in France for two years. Please keep him in your prayers. With the storm interrupting our plans, we were reminded of our theme "Fear Not" for God is with us even in unexpected times. "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness... Matthew 41:10

Our Blue Ridge WAC will continue to help with our State Mission Projects; 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, Southeastern FWB College and Welch College with goal together of \$3500. Also, our Special Emphasis Offering is to continue to raise funds as our State WAC makes plans to host the 2023 WNAC Convention to be held in Raleigh, NC. Thank you, Blue Ridge Association, for your offering to help meet our goal. We appreciate your support and encouragement.

Our Women's Ministry is opened to every church of the Blue Ridge Association, and we want to encourage and serve each other as we grow together in Christ!

Our next Blue Ridge Women's Meeting will be Saturday, April 1, 2023, at Calvary FWB Church in Rutherford College, NC.

Submitted by WAC Coordinator, Michelle Sailors (828-803-0151)

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**Blue Ridge Association of Free Will Baptist
Women Active for Christ Treasurer's Report October 1, 2022
(For Reporting Period April 1, 2022 -September 30, 2022)**

Beginning Balance \$ 4,355.42
Receipts \$ 4,673.50
Disbursements \$ 5,795.50
Ending Balance \$ 3,233.42

Receipts
April Offering \$ 171.00
District Love Offering \$ 600.00
State Projects \$ 772.00
Emphasis Projects (3 for 2023) \$ 2,520.00
Dues (37) \$ 610.50
Total Disbursements \$ 4,673.50

Project Hickory Team \$ 850.00
(April's Speaker)
NCWAC \$ 4,945.50
TOTAL \$ 5,795.50

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Bird Treasurer

**PLEASE NOTE - DUES ARE NO LONGER COLLECTED.
CHECK OUT THE GIVING TREE ON WNAC.ORG**

CONTRIBUTIONS (April 1, 2022 - September 30, 2022)

Auxiliary	District Love Offering	State Projects	3 for 2023	IM	NAM	Dues	FWB	Misc.
Calvary RC	200	243	600				330	
Cedar Hill					225			75
Fairview								
Marion 1 st			320					
Nowlings	100		1300					
Chapel								
Rocky Pass	200	529	300	1400	720	280.50	360	
Swannanoa	100				862			
Zephyr Hills								

DISTRICT LOVE OFFERING - \$100 each meeting

2022 - 2023 NC State Projects

International Missions \$286.00

Impact Ivory Coast Miley Project

The first buildings of the Mission Medical Clinic in Doropo were built in the early 1960s. A first expansion included a patient ward, which made it possible to admit patients and function as a hospital. Later, an operating room and maternity room were added. In 1998, the hospital was turned over to the African administration. After nearly 60 years, the buildings and equipment are aging, outdated, and need to be expanded again to accommodate a growing population. The Impact Project is to help the hospital renovate its buildings, equipment, and build needed new facilities. The clinic was named after the pioneer missionary doctor who started the medical work in Doropo, Dr. Lavern Miley. This project is an on-going need.

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North American Ministries \$143.00

Project Hickory

A new church plant team consisting of Brandon Smith and Jonathan Huff. They may need specific church equipment or have other needs that the NCWAC can support related to their start-up account.

Colleges \$100.00

Welch - Heavy Duty Outdoor Furniture
Southeastern - Artwork for Classrooms

Emphasis Offering \$100.00

2023 National Association Convention in Raleigh, NC

Please send above monies to : Cindy Bird, 3255 Old Hwy 10 E. Nebo, NC 28761

Promotional Director's Report - Bro. Elisha Fish

I have been to two of our churches this quarter. In September I had covid which kept me down for several weeks.

We have 2 churches without pastors, Pisgah, and Fairview. Thankfully, Meadowbrook has elected a new pastor, Bro. Daryl Grimes, from Eric, PA. He is to start on Dec. 5, 2022. We look forward to meeting him.

Pray for Bro. Wayne Miller who is recovering from surgery on his leg that had an infection. I called to see how he is doing. He will have a knee replacement as soon as his leg heals. Pray for Bro. Roger Boone, he has a bad case of bronchitis. Pray for the Hickory mission. Pray for all our churches and pastors.

Respectfully submitted, Bro. Elisha Fish

Ordaining Council Report - Bro. Ralph Reep

Letter of Good Standing received for Bro. Roger Hayley and Bro. George DeWitt will be ordained during this service.

Home Mission Board Report - No Report

(Time given to Hickory Mission Project)

Hickory Project - Pray 86% funded -

\$65,000 Startup funds received.

Name changed from Hope Church to Equip F.W.B. Church

Credential's Committee Report - Bro. Sonny Thomas, Jr.

Ministers 17, Delegates 9, Visitors 7

Finance Committee Report - Bro. Caleb Davis -

Offering to go to Project Hickory

Recognition of Visitors

Harvest FWB Child Care Ministries – Bro. Carl Miller

We have served abandoned, abused, neglected and troubled kids. (5-18 years old) for 29 years! Our ministry is all about serving kids! That is what God called us to do in 1993 and our mission is still the same!

We believe every child is a gift of God and that every child we serve is precious to God! Therefore, we believe that a healthy Christian home environment, caring parents and a wholesome family life are fundamental necessities if not rights for every child.

Thank you for partnering with us to accomplish our goal of caring for kids who cannot help the situations they are given. But who can help themselves through our ministry.

Thank you for allowing us to serve as your NC Advancement Representatives for Harvest. Bro Carl and Mary Miller

Free Will Baptist Family Ministries – Bro. Caleb Davis read report for Bro. Mike Allison

Besober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: 1 Peter 5:8 KJV

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. Our ministry includes our campus in Greeneville, TN, three Children's Homes in Arkansas, our Hope Center in Greeneville, TN and two assisted-living facilities (one in Wise, VA and one in Erwin, TN)

We are in our 83rd year as a ministry.

We are currently serving over 130-150 children on a daily basis. That includes around 50-60 children in Foster Care. We have between 6 & 8 teenagers in our Drug & Alcohol Program. We are currently serving over 100 senior citizens in our two 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. The Oaks Retreat Youth Camp and Church Retreat.

Theresa & I have been Blessed to represent Free Will Baptist Family Ministries for 17 years (Began August 1, 2005) and are looking forward to coming to your church and share with you what God is doing.

Worship

Prayer – Bro. Brandon Smith

Congregational Singing – At Calvary – Led by Bro. Jonathan Huff

Offering – Prayer Bro. Harold Webb

Special Singing – Bro. Caleb Davis – Praise God for What He's Done

Message – Rev. Randy Stone, Interim Pastor Meadowbrook Black Mtn, NC
The Preacher & The Responsibility of the Man Called to Pastor 2 Tim. 4:2-3

5 Don'ts and 6 Do's

1. Don't ever be ashamed of the testimony of Christ or your calling Vs 8

We should always be respectable but don't expect to be respected

We should be loyal

Don't be ashamed of our testimony

2. Don't ever give up on the Gospel

3. Don't let the world tie you up (entangled)

4. Don't be distracted from your goal

5. Don't fall into sin

Do's

1. Always work to improve your preaching 1 Tim. 4:13

Stir up the gift – Fan the Flame

Give it the attendance or attention to the Word it deserves – Read it

a. Don't neglect the gift you have been given 1 Tim. 4:14

b. Be Committed to Ponder the Word and Practice 1 Tim. 4:15

c. Be Careful about your beliefs.

2. Do Teach Others

3. Be Tough – Endure hardness – Hard work

4. Got to study God's Word – To have something to say and to get excited

Read myself full, Think my way clear, Pray myself hot

a. Prepare

b. That the Father be pleased and not ashamed

c. Be Confident and be accurate

5. Let the Scripture be your Guide

Know -What you learned, Who you learned it from, When you learned it,

What the Scriptures do for you, Scripture is profitable

6. Preach the Word

Be Ready, Be Fearless, Be Patient, Be Longsuffering in Doctrine

Bro. Brian Bird – Brought the charge to Bro. George DeWitt

Ordination Charge to the Preacher Text II. Timothy 4:1,2

WHO- The Called the Preachers meaning those called by God

WHAT-Preach or Proclaim

The whole counsel of God

Not what is wanted or always liked.

proclaim, publish especially divine truth (the gospel)

WHEN- Instant - to stand upon

In Season -when convenient (when liked)

Out of Season – when inconvenient (when not liked)

HOW- With Conviction and with Clarity

**BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING of 2022-2023
LENOIR FIRST FWB CHURCH, LENOIR, NC
FEBRUARY 4, 2023**

Preliminaries

Welcome – Bro. Larry Miller, Host Pastor
Opening – Bro. Brandon Smith
Response – Bro. Alan Sailors
Congregational Song – Victory In Jesus
Devotion – Rev. Stephen Speagle, Affiliated with Calvary R. College
To Know, To Experience, To Serve God
To Know 1 John 3:24 Salvation
To know Jesus comes through the Word 1 Cor. 2:12
The More we know God the more we Experience God
He is everywhere – He is a very present help in the time of trouble.
The more we know and the more we experience the more we should want to serve God
Matt. 20:28 To give his life a ransom for many
Phil. 2:7 even to death of the cross
We have a choice to make – Joshua said choose you this day!

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

Business -

Recognition & Welcome of Visitors

Steve Torrison – Serves with IM

Treasurer's Report – February 4, 2023 – Sister Carrie Padgett M/S/C

**THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT
October – December 2022**

GENERAL FUND

Ending checking balance September 30, 2022	\$ 9,977.88
Receipts this quarter	2,754.96
Association offering November 5, 2022	300.00
Total	\$13,032.84

Administrative expense:

Impact PA Chime	\$ 600.00
Clerk's Expense (Postage)	24.00
Project Hickory (offering on Nov. 5, 2022)	300.00
	\$ 924.00
	-924.00
Subtotal	\$12,108.84

Paid to Youth Board	- 634.22
	\$11,474.62

Ending checking balance December 31, 2022 - \$11,768.77

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MISSIONS FUND

Fund balance November 5, 2022	\$22,889.48
Receipts this quarter	979.14

Subtotal \$23,868.62

NC State Home Missions (Project Hickory)	-1,500.00
Balance	\$22,368.62

MINISTERS FUND

Fund balance November 5, 2022	\$1,219.03
Receipts this quarter	126.85

Subtotal \$1,345.88

Bro. Wayne Miller (Medical Expense)	500.00
Balance	\$ 845.88

WELCH COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Fund balance November 5, 2022	\$6,026.14
Receipts this quarter	63.42

Subtotal \$6,233.28

Lauren Heather Thomas	500.00
Balance	\$5,589.56

SOUTHEASTERN FWB COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Fund balance November 5, 2022	\$8,662.15
Receipts this quarter	63.42

Balance \$8,725.57

Ending savings account balance September 30, 2022 - \$17,064.50

Ending savings account balance December 31, 2022 - \$15,190.88

Contributions from the Churches

CHURCHES	April-June 2022	July-Sept 2022	Oct – Dec 2022
CALVARY (Glendale Sprgs)	\$1,000.00		
CALVARY (R. College)			
CALVARY (Swannanoa)	\$ 50.00		
CANTON	100.00		
CEDAR HILL	157.00	156.00	164.00
FAIRVIEW	115.18	211.01	102.53
FAITH	216.00	232.00	302.00
GETHSEMANE	210.00		
HILLTOP	200.00	200.00	
HOMER'S CHAPEL	225.00	225.00	
LENOIR	250.00		
LIBERTY	458.00	463.00	442.00
MARION - FIRST	159.00	426.00	750.00
MEADOWBROOK	515.58	151.57	218.07
NORTHVIEW	225.50		371.86
NOWLING CHAPEL			
PISGAH			
ROARING CREEK			
ROCKY PASS	255.00	255.00	255.00
SWANNANOA	150.00	150.00	150.00
ZEPHYR HILLS			
Total	\$4,286.26	\$2,469.58	\$2,754.96

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Executive Board Report – No Report

Youth Board Report – Bro. Caleb Davis

Blue Ridge Youth Fund Report

02/04/2023

Beginning Balance – Nov. 6, 2022 - \$19,618.32

Receipts

From Treasurer – 3rd Quarter (Nov-Feb) 634.22

Disbursements

No Disbursements 0

Youth Fund Balance – Feb. 4, 2023 \$20,252.54

Respectfully Submitted, Rocky Reese, Youth Board Treasurer

Women Active For Christ -

Our Blue Ridge Women Active for Christ are preparing for our next Meeting that will be held on Saturday, April 1, 2023, at Calvary FWB Church in Rutherford College, NC. Pastor, Freddy Lindsey.

We will bring our final offerings to help with our State Mission Projects; Impact Ivory Coast Miley Project (renovating the medical clinic and equipment), Project Hickory in NC (new church plant), Southeastern FWB College, Welch College and our Special Emphasis Offering to go towards our State WAC as we are making plans to host the 2023 WNAC Convention to be held in Raleigh, NC. From offerings so far, we were able to send in \$17,500 this month.

Our North Carolina Women Active for Christ State Meeting will be on Saturday, April 29, 2023, at Grifton Free Will Baptist Church in Grifton, NC. Our New WNAC Director, Ruth McDonald, will be our special speaker. Our Women's Ministry is opened to every church of the Blue Ridge Association, and we want to encourage and serve each other as we grow together in Christ!

Please join us in April for our next Blue Ridge District WAC meeting and for our State WAC Meeting. For more information on either of these please let me know.

Submitted by WAC Coordinator, Michelle Sailors (828-803-0151)

Promotional Director's Report – Bro. Elisha Fish

This quarter I have been in two of our churches and preached 9 times. Two of our churches that have been without pastors have voted in new pastors. Meadowbrook voted in Bro. Daryl Grimes who started in Dec. Fairview voted in Bro. Ben Cope who started in January. I have talked to Bro. Grimes to welcome him, but not had the opportunity to speak to Bro. Cope. We look forward to meeting them both. Pisgah still does not have a pastor.

Sadly, one of our churches, Calvary-Swannanoa has voted to close their doors. They will be deciding on what they will do with their assets in future meetings.

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We praise the Lord that Bro. Wayne Miller is recovering from his leg and knee surgery. Please pray for Bro. Roger Boone's wife Diane, she is facing major surgery.

Pray for all of our pastors and churches. Pray for our beloved Savior to return soon. God Bless You.

Respectively Submitted by: Brother Elisha Fish

Ordaining Council Report – No Report

Mission Board Report – No Report

Bro. Brandon Smith gave a report on Project Hickory

Credentials Committee Report – Bro. Danny Forbes

17 Ministers, 13 Delegates, 7 Visitors, 37 Total

Finance Committee Report –

Offering to go to Bro. Daniel Cason for Bangladesh mission trip.

Other Business

Motion made to give Bro. Daniel Cason \$500 out of the General Fund to go toward his mission trip to Bangladesh.

Amendment made to motion to also give the offering to Bro. Daniel Cason for his trip. M/S/C

Other Reports

Report read from Bro. Reuben Cason

Report read from Bro. Mike Allison

Worship

Opening - Bro. Brandon Smith, Moderator

Prayer – Bro. Chris Conner

Congregational Singing – Blessed Assurance

Offertory Prayer – Bro. Michael Baity

Offering - \$185 To go to Bro. Daniel Cason

Special Singing – Bro. Allen Fredell – The Old Preacher Man

Thanks To Calvary

Message – Rev. Sonny Thomas Jr. Affiliated with Calvary, Glendale Spring 1 Cor. 1:21-2:5

Those saved are saints and all saints set apart for God's use

All are to be ministers of the Gospel in all things we do

We Have Been Called To Be Ministers

1. The Message we Proclaim Vs. 23 To bring Christ to a lost

2. To Give Them our Testimony 2:1 That is what I was, this is what I am

3. The Mindfulness of our Proclamation – To Bring Glory to the Lord!

WE HAVE TO PREACH CHRIST CRUCIFIED

Closing Prayer Bro. Ben Cope

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BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
70th ANNUAL MEETING
LIBERTY FWB CHURCH, MARION, NC
MAY 6, 2023

Preliminaries

Congregational Singing –At Calvary – Led by Bro. Jonathan Huff
 Prayer – Bro. Jack Ward
 Welcome – Host Pastor Rev. Harold Webb
 Response – Bro. Alan Sailors
 Devotion – Rev. Daniel Cason, Pastor – Zephyr Hills, Asheville , NC
 (Bro. Cason spoke about his mission trip to Bangladesh)
 Eph. 4:7-16 God has gifted the church with the gifts to carry on work of the church

Business Session

Moderator, Bro. Alan Sailors moved to open Business Session

Recognition and Welcome of Visitors

Bro. Reuben Cason

Bro. Jonathan Huff

Roll Call of Churches and Ministers – Bro. Rocky Reese

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

FOURTH QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

January – March 2023

GENERAL FUND

Ending checking balance December 31, 2022	\$11,766.77
Receipts this quarter	3,831.74
Association offering February 4, 2023	<u>185.00</u>
Total	\$15,783.51

Administrative expense:

Impact Panama	\$600.00	
Hanna Project (Bro. Daniel Cason)	<u>685.00</u>	
	\$1,285.00	<u>-\$1,285.00</u>

Subtotal \$14,498.51

Paid to Youth Board

- 877.54

Balance \$13,620.97

Ending checking balance March 31, 2023 - \$13,583.44

MISSIONS FUND

Fund balance February 4, 2023	\$ 22,368.62
Receipts this quarter	<u>1,374.64</u>

Subtotal \$ 23,743.26

Project Hickory

-1,500.00

Balance \$ 22,243.26

MINISTERS FUND

Fund balance February 4, 2023	\$ 845.88
Receipts this quarter	<u>175.51</u>

Total \$ 1,021.39

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WELCH COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Fund balance February 4, 2023	\$ 5,589.56
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Receipts this quarter	<u>87.75</u>
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Subtotal \$ 5,677.31

Lauren Heather Thomas	<u>- 500.00</u>
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Balance \$ 5,177.31

SOUTHEASTERN FWB COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Fund balance February 4, 2023	\$ 8,725.57
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Receipts this quarter	<u>87.75</u>
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Balance \$ 8,813.32

Ending savings account balance December 31, 2022 - \$ 15,190.88

Ending savings account balance March 31, 2021 - \$ 14,069.08

Contributions from the Churches

<u>CHURCHES</u>	<u>April-June 2022</u>	<u>July-Sept 2022</u>	<u>Oct – Dec 2022</u>	<u>Jan-March 2023</u>
CALVARY (Glendale Sprgs)	\$1,000.00			
CALVARY (R. College)				\$800.00
CALVARY (Swannanoa)	\$ 50.00			
CANTON	100.00			
CEDAR HILL	157.00	156.00	164.00	140.00
FAIRVIEW	115.18	211.01	102.53	217.36
FAITH	216.00	232.00	302.00	283.00
GETHSEMANE	210.00			
HILLTOP	200.00	200.00		200.00
HOMER'S CHAPEL	225.00	225.00		450.00
LENOIR	250.00			500.00
LIBERTY	458.00	463.00	442.00	498.00
MARION - FIRST	159.00	426.00	750.00	
MEADOWBROOK	515.58	151.57	218.07	321.59
NORTHVIEW	225.50		371.86	166.79
NOWLING CHAPEL				
PISGAH				
ROARING CREEK				
ROCKY PASS	255.00	255.00	255.00	255.00
SWANNANOA	150.00	150.00	150.00	
ZEPHYR HILLS				
Total	<u>\$4,286.26</u>	<u>\$2,469.58</u>	<u>\$2,754.96</u>	<u>\$3,831.74</u>

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**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
APRIL 1, 2022 TO MARCH 31, 2023**

GENERAL FUND

Ending checking balance March 31, 2022	\$12,639.35
Total deposits through March 31, 2023	13,342.54
Association Offerings (4 Quarters)	<u>829.00</u>
Total	\$26,810.89

Administrative expense:	
NCFWB Association dues (21 churches)	\$ 4,960.00
Clerk for services rendered	250.00
Faith FWB Church, supplies for annual meet	100.00
Countryside BBQ, catering meal	543.58
Executive Board expense	107.00
IMpact Panama	2,400.00
Clerk's expense	48.00
Blue Ridge Youth Brd, offering Aug. 6, 2022	160.00
Printing of 200 Minute Booklets	422.52
CRA Surety, Bond for Treasurer	359.00
Project Hickory, offering on Nov. 5, 2022	<u>300.00</u>
Total	\$10,335.10

Subtotal	\$16,475.79
Paid to Youth Board	<u>- 3,101.43</u>
Balance	\$13,374.36

Ending checking balance March 31, 2023 - \$13,583.44

MISSIONS FUND

Fund balance May 7, 2022	\$ 24,084.73
Receipts this year	<u>4,658.53</u>
Subtotal	\$ 28,743.26
Calvary Church (Swannanoa)	- 250.00
Project Hickory	<u>- 6,250.00</u>
Balance	\$ 22,243.26

MINISTERS BENEVOLENT FUND

Fund balance May 7, 2022	\$ 976.10
Receipts this year	<u>620.29</u>
Subtotal	\$ 1,596.39
Flowers for Anne Reynold's service	- 75.00
Bro. Wayne Miller, for medical expense	<u>- 500.00</u>
Balance	\$ 1,021.39

WELCH COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Fund balance May 7, 2022	\$ 5,867.17
Receipts this year	<u>310.14</u>
Subtotal	\$ 6,177.31
Lauren Heather Thomas acct.	<u>- \$ 1,000.00</u>
Balance	\$ 5,177.31

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SOUTHEASTERN FWB COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Fund balance May 7, 2022	\$ 8,503.18
Receipts this year	<u>320.13</u>
Balance	\$ 8,813.31

Ending savings account balance March 31, 2022 -	\$ 21,972.26
Ending savings account balance March 31, 2023 -	\$ 14,069.08

Executive Board Report - No Report

Youth Board Report - Bro. Caleb Davis

Blue Ridge Youth Fund Report - 05/06/2023	
Beginning Balance - February 4, 2023	-
Receipts	\$ 20,252.54
From Treasurer - (Feb 4, 2023 - May 6, 2023)	<u>\$ 877.54</u>
Disbursements	0
No Disbursements	0
Youth Fund Balance - May 6, 2023	<u>\$ 21,130.08</u>
Respectfully Submitted, Rocky Reese, Youth Board Treasurer	

Women Active for Christ Report - Sister Michelle Sailors

Our Blue Ridge Women's Ministry came together on Saturday, April 1, 2023 at Calvary Free Will Baptist Church of Rutherford College. The theme was "Making Disciples; Plant-Water-Repeat" with the scriptures, *"And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth." John 4:36-37. "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy." Psalm 126:5*

Logan Alphin a NC student from Welch College shared with us about the College Mission Program as he prepares to go to Bulgaria this Summer. Callie Stox, from Unity FWB Church in Greenville, NC shared her plans as an IM Missionary to go to Japan.

What a blessing it was to see and hear young adults surrendering their lives to tell others about the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our NCWAC State Meeting was held Saturday, April 29, 2023 at Grifton FWB Church with a theme of "Faith in Cultures" and an attendance of 161. As a special emphasis for the day, \$3,390 was raised to share in the ministry of the 12 E-TEAM and CMP students from NC. Our new WNAC Director, Mrs. Ruth McDonald shared her vision for the future of WNAC and challenged hearts to share the gospel-even though we are all different in cultural backgrounds, ways of thinking, ways of dressing, ways of talking- especially in this day of ever-increasing changes that make us feel awkward and uncomfortable in our witness opportunities.

Praise the Lord we surpassed our goals this past year: International Missions: Medical Center in Ivory Coast (\$10,296.73) North American Ministries: Project Hickory (\$8,919.86) Welch College: Outdoor furniture (\$1,826.00) and Southeastern FWB College: Artwork for classrooms (\$2,522.19).

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New projects and their goals for the new year are as follows:
 International Missions-Impact Diez 42 Project in Southern Spain-
 \$10,000.00. North American Ministries-The NAM Hispanic Bible
 Institute - \$5000.00.
 Welch College (commercial grade outdoor furniture) and Southeastern
 FWB College (Lighted Fountain for Pond)-\$3500.00.
 Our next Blue Ridge Women's Meeting will be a Brunch on Saturday,
 August 19, 2023 at Nowlings Chapel FWB Church at 10:30am, All
 Ladies are Welcome! Submitted by Blue Ridge WAC Coordinator
 Michelle Sailors (828-803-0151)

Promotional Directors Report – Bro. Elisha Fish
 This quarter I have only been to one church. Preaching several times there.
 I have made several phone calls. This quarter slowed down, and had to have
 a heart cath for the doctor to speed my heart pump up, which has helped.
 Continue to pray for Bro. Mike Allison's wife and family as he passed away
 to be with the Lord. He was a faithful servant of the Lord serving Freewill
 Family Ministries for a number of years. Pray for Bro. Brian Bird and
 family at the passing of his mother. Pray for Calvary-Swannanoa church as
 they still have not decided what to do with the church property since closing.
 Pray for all of our pastors, preachers, and churches, and for the Lord's soon
 return. Respectively Submitted, Bro. Elisha Fish

Ordaining Council Report – No Report

Mission Board Report – Bro. Elisha Fish
 Project Hickory Mission - \$500 a month
 Doing a good job
 Bro. Jonathan Huff – Project Hickory Vision Gathering 50 total
 First Preview service – one each month
 Going door to door on Saturdays - If you would like to help contact Bro.
 Brandon or Bro. Jonathan

Credential's Committee's Report – Bro. Roger Hayley
 18 Ministers, 17 Delegates, 8 Visitors, Total Present 42

Finance Committee Report – Bro. Ben Cope
 Offering go to Bro. Reuben Cason – State Promotional Director
 Offering was \$182.00 Motion was made and carried to raise to \$200.00.

Nominating Committee - was inadvertently not appointed in February
 Officers were nominated from the floor.

Officers Election – 2023

EXECUTIVE BOARD

3 Members at Large to serve on Executive Board – 1-year term
 Replacing Roger Boone – Brian Bird
 Replacing Caleb Davis - Caleb Davis
 Replacing Jack Ward - Jack Ward

Promotional Director: Elisha Fish

ORDAINING COUNCIL (1-5 year term must come off)
 Replacing Ralph Reep (2023) – George DeWitt (2028)

YOUTH BOARD

Replacing Eddie Hobson (1st term) (2023) – Jonathan Huff (2028)
 (Bro. Hobson declined to serve another term)

HOME MISSION BOARD

Replacing Elisha Fish 1st Term (2023) – Elisha Fish (2028)

Motion was made to end nominations and voted on all at same time.
 Motion was seconded and carried.

Following Committees were Appointed by Moderator

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Danny Forbes
 Larry Miller
 Roger Hayley

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Ben Cope
 Alan Sailors
 Michael Baity

Other Reports

Bro. Reuben Cason
 State Meeting in Greensboro June 5-6
 Each Conference to send in \$550
 Bro. Brian Bird is scheduled to preach at the state meeting.
Pastors Panel will be presented Tues. Morning with pastors
 Jeff Manning, Jeff Jones, and Christian Powell
 Sept. Ministers Retreat. Sunday School Curriculum – will start being
 published every 2 Months instead of every 3

Worship

Prayer – Bro. Brandon Smith

Congregational Singing – Leaning on the Everlasting Arms – Led by J. Huff

Offering - \$182.00 – Motion made to raise that to \$200.00

Special Singing – Bro. Jonathan Huff – I Love You Lord

Message– Rev. Daryl Grimes – Pastor, Meadowbrook, Black Mountain, NC

Galatians 4:21-26 & 5:1-4, Freedom – Freedom in Christ

Prayer – Bro. Brandon Smith

Invitation given

Closing Prayer and Blessing over meal – Bro. Wayne Miller

Meal was served in Fellowship Hall after the meeting

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 3, Licensed Ministers 1, Ordained Deacons 7, Baptisms 5,
Members Added 18, Members Lost 3, Total Membership 166, S.S. Enrollment 125,
CTS Enrollment 30, Woman's Aux. Enrollment 18

Calvary – Rutherford College: 212 Malcolm Blvd., Rutherford College, NC 28671
(Mailing Address: P.O. Box 375, Rutherford College, NC 28671)
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 (828)-448-9537
Ordained Ministers 1, Licensed Ministers 1, Ordained Deacons 3, Baptisms 2,
Members Added 5, Members Lost 3, Total Membership 118,

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 94, Total Membership 22

Canton: 19 Gilbert St, Canton, NC 28716 (Mailing address: P.O. Box 1346)
Pastor: Rev. Larry Collins, 89 Reeves Rd., Leicester, NC 28748 (828) 242-0655
Clerk: Donna Robinson, 220 Platt Dr., Canton, NC 28716 (828) 648-4768
Clerk Husband: Melvin Robinson (828) 734-2500
Ordained Ministers 1, Ordained Deacons 3, Total Membership 37

Cedar Hill: 234 Johnston Blvd., Asheville, NC 28806
Pastor: Rev. Dylan Smith, 105 Woodlea Dr., Morganton, NC (828) 448-7772
Church Website: www.cedarhillfwb.com
Clerk: Deborah Smith, 11 Evergreen Ave., Asheville, NC 28806 (828) 768-5787
Ordained Ministers 2, Baptisms 1, Members Lost 2, Total Membership 41,
S.S. Enrollment 16, Woman's Aux. Enrollment 12

Fairview: 1708 Stacy Hill Rd., Marion, NC 28752
Pastor: Rev. Ben Cope, 1708 Stacy Hill Rd., Marion, NC 28752 (252) 484-0647
Clerk: Betty Miller, 43 Randolph Rd., Marion, NC 28752 (828) 925-3361
Ordained Ministers 2, Ordained Deacons 6, Total Membership 90, S.S. Enrollment 30,
Woman's Aux. Enrollment 4

Faith: 1308 Jamestown Rd., Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 584-7507
Pastor: Rev. Rocky Reese, 1308 Jamestown Rd., Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 584-4849
Clerk: Carlene Truax 4037 Turner Mill Rd., Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 217-5976,
Ordained Ministers 1, Licensed Ministers 3, Ordained Deacons 7, Members Added 3,
Total Membership 236, S.S. Enrollment 35, CTS Enrollment 20

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 2, Baptisms 1, Members Added 1, Members Lost 2,
 Total Membership 34

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: Clarence Crisp, 230 Sawmill Rd., Marietta, SC 29661 (864) 417-0780
 Ordained Ministers 1, Licensed Ministers 1, Ordained Deacons 1, Baptisms 4,
 Members Added 18, Members Lost 1, Total Membership 65

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: Robin Burgin / Rebecca Taylor
 Ordained Ministers 2, Licensed Ministers 1, Ordained Deacons 3, Baptisms 6,
 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, Total Membership 154, S.S. Enrollment 23

Liberty: 4089 US Hwy. 70 W., Marion, NC 28752 (828) 724-4272
 Pastor: Rev. Bobby Shehan, 111 Jim Wall St., Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 413-7745
 Clerk: Vickie Wheeler, 1096 Hidden View Loop, Marion, NC 28752 (828) 724-1318
 Ordained Ministers 1, Ordained Deacons 2, Baptisms 1, Members Lost 4,
 Total Membership 115, 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, Members Lost 1, Total Membership 269,
 S.S. Enrollment 49, Woman's Aux. Enrollment 10

Meadowbrook: 204 Blue Ridge Rd., Black Mountain, NC 28711 (828) 669-9150
 (Mailing Address: P.O. Box 566, Black Mountain, NC 28711)
 Pastor: Rev. Daryl Grimes, 204 Blue Ridge Rd., Black Mtn, NC 28711 (814) 572-2265
 Clerk: Donna Worley, 128 Whispering Wind Dr., Blk Mtn, NC 28711 (828) 775-9556
 Ordained Ministers 2, Ordained Deacons 9, Baptisms 3, Members Added 2,
 Members Lost 4, Total Membership 120

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) 397-6599
 Ordained Ministers 1, Ordained Deacons 3, Members Added 1, Members Lost 5,
 Total Membership 37

Nowlings Chapel: 5061 US Hwy 64, Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 584-1212
 (Mailing Add: 5827 Fisher Davis Rd., Morganton, NC 28655)
 Pastor: Rev. Darvy Hensley 2218 Southfork Dr., Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 460-7241
 Clerk: Melissa Davis, 5827 Fisher Davis Rd., Morganton, NC 28655 (828) 403-7477
 Ordained Ministers 3, Licensed Ministers 2, Ordained Deacons 6, Members Added 1,
 Members Lost 1, Total Membership 175, S.S. Enrollment 75,
 Woman's Aux. Enrollment 40, Master's Men 40

Pisgah: 288 Chiquapin Rd., Canton, NC 28716
 (Mailing Address: 110 Harley Creek Rd., Canton, NC 28716)
 Pastor: Rev. Jeremy Cagle, 172 Cooper St., Canton, NC 28716
 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 3, Total Membership 22,
 S.S. Enrollment 14

Rocky Pass: 6995 Harmony Grove Rd., Nebo, NC 28761 (828) 659-6977
 Pastor: Rev. Alan Sailors, 6988 Harmony Grove Rd. Nebo, NC 28761 (828) 803-0234
 Clerk: Jennifer Thompson, 703 Deer Park Rd., Nebo, NC 28761 (828) 652-8746
 Ordained Ministers 1, Ordained Deacons 12, Baptisms 5, Members Added 5,
 Members Lost 3, Total Membership 229, S.S. Enrollment 80,
 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: swannanoafwb@gmail.com
 Pastor: Rev. Jack Ward, P.O. Box 2303, Candler, NC 28715 (828) 768-1908
 Clerk: Pam Burns, 108 Scenic View Dr., Swannanoa, NC 28778 (828) 242-8995
 Ordained Ministers 2, Licensed Ministers 1, Ordained Deacons 3, Members Lost 5,
 Total Membership 70, 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) 772-9335
 Ordained Ministers 1, Ordained Deacons 3, Baptisms 5, Total Membership 75,
 S.S. Enrollment 30, 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>
Marion First	Aug. 5, 2023
Meadowbrook	Nov. 4, 2023
Northview	Feb. 3, 2024
Nowlings Chapel	May 4, 2024

Pastor Fellowship Meetings – Coordinator – Bro. Caleb Davis

<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Moose Café	Aug. 29, 2023	6:00 p.m. (Family Fellowship)
TBA	Sept. 19, 2023	11:00 a.m.
TBA	Oct. 17, 2023	11:00 a.m.
TBA	Jan. 16, 2024	11:00 a.m.
TBA	Feb. 20, 2024	11:00 a.m.
TBA	Mar. 19, 2024	11:00 a.m.
TBA	Apr. 16, 2024	11:00 a.m.
TBA	May 21, 2024	11:00 a.m.

*No meetings in June, July, November and December

North Carolina State Meeting

<u>Place</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Embassy Suites	June 3-4, 2024
Greensboro, NC	

88th National Association Meeting of Free Will Baptist

<u>Place</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Tampa, FL	July 21-24, 2024