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MINUTES.

According to appointment the ministers and delegates composing the Central Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist of North Carolina, convened with the church at Corinth, Martin county, Nov, 6th, 1901. Eld. T. H. Barnhill, who was appointed by last conference to preach the Introductory, attended and preached—Text Acts 4: 16, "And we cannot deny it."

After a recess of an hour, the ministers and delegates reassembled, and the meeting was called to order. T. H. Barnhill, was elected moderator; F. McLawhon, assistant; J. M. Barfield, clerk; G. V. Boyd, reading clerk.

The following committees were appointed:

On Devotional exercises.—C. J. Harris, T. E. McCaskey and J. B. Waters.

Finance.—J. W. Smith, W. L. Clark and J. A. Hudson.

Bro. Melton Wright was appointed to attend and record the several texts as preached from the stand.

Credentials.—T. E. McCaskey, C. C. Fagan and J. Tugwell

Honorary and infirm ministers —L. S. Hardy, J. H. Manning and Asa Garris.

Extension fund.—W. J. Braxton, J. Hart and Paul Harrington.

Education —W. H. Frost, C. C. Fagan and T. E. McCaskey.

Temperance.—S. J. Halstead, J. T. Butler and C. J. Harris

Missions.—G. M. Davenport, Q. A. Burroughs and W. H. Frost.

On motion, the visiting brethren be invited to seats in this Conference and their names be enrolled. They were as follows:

Western Conference—Elders E. T. Phillips, J. W. Valentine, P. T. Lucas and J. H. Worley.

Eastern—Elder M. Linton.

On motion, the list of ministers be called and their Christian character be inquired after.

Committee on devotional exercises report: E. D. Hathaway open and S. J. Halstead preach tonight; W. H. Lathinghouse open and J. W. Valentine preach tomorrow.

On motion, conference adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9:30. Prayer by S. J. Halstead.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Conference met according to adjournment. Prayer by E. D. Hathaway. The minutes of yesterday were read and stand approved.

On motion, letters of the several churches be called and the statistics noted.

On motion, the words "Retired ministers" be changed to honorary and infirm ministers.

The committee on devotional exercises report: T. N. Manning open and R. I. Corbett preach tomorrow; E. D. Hathaway open, and P. T. Lucas preach to-morrow night.

On motion, there be an investigating committee appointed to look after the church property within the limits of this conference and if they

find any that has gone down, and is likely to be lost, they are requested to report the condition of the same to the next conference.

The committee were appointed as follows: J. M. Barfield, Ayden, N. C.; Joseph Tugwell, Farmville, N. C.; T. E. McCaskey, Dardens, N. C.; J. W. Swain, Jerry, N. C.; A. T. Dawson, Institute, N. C.

On motion, the different Finance committees retire and settle with the Treasurer, and the Treasurer make his report.

The report of the Treasurer is as follows:—Received at this conference, minute fund, \$57.60; paid to R. I. Corbett, \$3.50, to J. M. Barfield, clerk, \$12.00; for printing minutes and mailing, \$42.10. Extension fund on hand, \$40.85; received at this conference \$5.85; total, \$46.70; paid to Seminary, \$25.26; yet on hand, \$21.44. Mission fund on hand \$9 20; received at this conference, \$3.96; total, \$13.16.

W. F. HART, Treasurer.

Honorary and infirm ministers fund Rec. at this conference, \$31.31. F. McLAWHON, Treas.

On motion, we receive the report of the treasurer.

On motion, the resolution on Education be received and adopted.

On motion, the resolution on Missions be received and adopted.

On motion, the resolution on Temperance be received and adopted.

On motion, this conference take a fifty dollar share in the Theological Seminary.

On motion, we draw out the Educational fund, and a sufficient amount of the Extension fund to make up the fifty dollars.

On motion, the Executive committee of the union meeting of the 2nd district be allowed to draw on the treasurer of the conference the mission fund for the purpose of sending ministers to the destitute churches.

On motion, conference close until to-morrow morning, 9: 30.

Prayer by G. T. Brantly.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Conference met according to adjournment. Prayer by W. H. Frost.

Proceedings were read and stand approved.

On motion, there be a committee appointed to investigate and settle the trouble in the Gum Swamp church. J. M. Barfield, T. E. McCaskey and T. N. Manning were appointed said committee.

On motion, the resolution by W. H. Frost was received and adopted.

On motion, minutes of the Western, Central and Eastern Conferences be consolidated.

On motion, delegates be appointed to the different conferences as follows:

Western—J. M. Barfield and R. I. Corbett.

Eastern—W. H. Frost, T. N. Manning and T. H. Barnhill.

Cape Fear—J. T. Butler and S. J. Halstead.

South Carolina—F. McLawhon.

W. H. Frost was appointed to correspond with the Southern and Western Associations and visit all of them he possibly can.

On motion, J. M. Barfield transcribe and prepare the manuscript for the press and he be allowed \$12 00 for his services, and he be allowed to draw on the treasurer for same. Also he pay for printing, mailing and expressing minutes.

On motion, we have 2,000 minutes printed and send 100 to the Western, 100 to the Eastern, 25 to the Cape Fear, 25 to the South Carolina and 25 to the Cumberland Association.

On motion, the remainder of the expenses of the delegate to the South Carolina conference be paid, the amount being \$4.65.

On motion, the expenses of the delegate to the Cape Fear conference be paid, which is \$3.50.

On motion, T. E. McCaskey be appointed to write to the rail road authorities to grant as low rates to ministers as they possibly can, assuring them the favor will be appreciated.

On motion, the resolution made last conference, making it the duty of each minister of this conference to pay one dollar to minister's widows, be recinded.

Petitions for the next conference were taken up and voted on. It was ordered to convene with the church at Black Jack, Pitt county. C. J. Harris is requested to preach the introductory and on his failure F. McLawhon.

On motion, the name of T. N. Manning be added to the examining board.

On motion, the name of J. D. Boyd be enrolled on the list of ministers.

On motion, we return thanks to this neighborhood and adjoining section for their kindness shown us while we have been in their midst.

On motion, we return thanks to the officers of this conference for their kind services during the sitting of this conference.

On motion, conference close to meet with the church at Black Jack, on Wednesday before the 2nd Sunday in Nov., 1902. Prayer and praise by T. N. Manning.

T. H. BARNHILL, Moderator,
F. McLAWHON, Assistant.

J. M. BARFIELD, Clerk,
G. V. BOYD, Reading Cl'k.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

TEMPERANCE.—We, your committee on Temperance respectfully submit the following:

Believing that intemperance is rapidly on the increase and is one of the greatest curses of our country and hindrances to the increase and prosperity of the church, therefore we humbly request all of our pastors and preachers to urge upon their congregations and people to cease at once to practice the great evil, and that all of us as Free Will Baptist forever work and pray for the day to come when the manufacture and sale of all intoxicating beverages will be abolished forever.

S. J. HALSTEAD,
J. T. BUTLER,
C. J. HARRIS,

EDUCATION.—We, the Central Conference in session, through its committee on education, are glad to know that we have a most excellent organ in the FREE WILL BAPTIST, and ask our members to made a stronger

effort in behalf of its support; and while we are satisfied with its past course, we ask our editor and ministers who write for the same to make a strenuous effort to improve it in any way possible. We are proud of our school at Ayden, and we recognize the fact that it is filling a place that we as a denomination have long needed, and we ask the teachers and directors to make a stronger effort if possible in the future than they have in the past to give us a worthy school; and we ask our members to patronize the school in every way possible. We ask our ministers to urge said school by keeping the matter constantly before the people. We endorse the 5th section made by the committee in 1900.

C. C. FAGAN,

T. E. McCASKEY,

W. H. FROST.

MISSIONARY.—Seeing the great need of a greater missionary spirit being awakened among our people be it

RESOLVED, That each minister holding the care of a church or churches be requested to preach as much as one or two sermons on the importance of missionary work, and the members of his congregation or congregations giving of their means for that work. There are within our bounds mission points such as Greenville and Washington, where we already have some members and where ought to be church houses erected.

W. H. FROST,

Q. A. BURROUGHS,

Mc. G. DAVENPORT,

RESOLUTION BY W. H. FROST.

Seeing the great need of knowing the value of the church property of the Central North Carolina conference and also having a better system of reports relative to church and Sunday school work, be it

RESOLVED, That each local church clerk state the value of the church property; the total No. of members; whether or not there is a Sunday school, if so the No. of pupils enrolled; the amount of money spent for all church purposes during conference year. All to appear on the church letter, then conference clerk make total aggregate and let it appear in the minutes of this conference.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	CO'S	DELEGATES.	Died.	Received.	Baptized	Dismissed	Excom.	No. Mem.	Minute F	R. M.
Grimsley.....	Greene.....	B. Mooring and L. S. Hardy.....	3	5	8	2		137	\$1.50	\$
Free Union.....	"	By Letter.....	3	12	12	2	1	15	50	50
Little Creek.....	"	By Pastor.....	3			2	2	105	150	
St's. Delight.....	"	By Letter.....	2		3			206	200	
Friendship.....	"	W. R. Bran and J. Cobb.....	5	3	2	2	4	70	150	
Hull Road.....	"	L. Nethercut and B. T. Mooring.....	4	3	6	1		269	250	200
Ho - ell Swamp.....	"	J. H. Whitly.....	1	13	10	1	2	161	150	
Harrell's Chapel.....	"	By Letter.....		1	1	2	4	123	50	
Gum Swamp.....	Pitt.....	James Teel.....	9	1	7		6	202	250	250
Black Jack.....	"	W. L. Clark and J. A. Hudson.....	1	2	16	2	1	228	200	200
Parker's Chapel.....	"	H. C. Harris and B. A. Tripp.....						82	50	65
Reedy Bran h.....	"	Paul H. rington and J. W. Braxton.....	4	2	20	2	4	391	200	150
Elm Grove.....	"	A. Garris and Wm. Smi h.....	1	5	19	1		145	100	
Piney Grove.....	"	T. R. Oneal and J. H. Manning.....					1	172	200	200
Cross Roads.....	"	J. Tugwell and David Tugwell.....	2	5	1	2	3	74	125	105
Hickory Grove.....	"	J. T. Whitehurst and W. R. Bullock.....	2	3			1	125	150	150
May's Chapel.....	"	C. A. Nichols.....	1	11	9		2	63	100	100
Marlboro.....	"	A. W. Grimsley and J. K. Okley.....		9	6	3		118	150	
Pleasant Hill.....	"	J. W. Smith and D. L. Smith.....		2				81	100	
Rose Hill.....	"	Bryant Ha dec.....	1					58	75	
Coneto Creek.....	"	By Letter.....						36	50	
Bethany.....	"	G. W. Dail and Exum Dail.....	3	1	31			155	150	240
Spring Branch.....	"	By Letter.....						48	100	25
Ayden.....	"	J. T. Hart.....	1	10	4			57	100	

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Saratoga.....	Wilson.....	Not Represented.....								
Aspin Grove.....	"	L. D. Eason.....	1			1	2	87	\$1.50	\$1.00
Ground Nut.....	Lenoir.....	By Letter.....		1		5	1	75	100	100
Hugo.....	"	By Pastor.....	2	1				48	150	
White Oak Grove.....	"	Seth Dawson.....	1	8	1			34	75	125
Shilo.....	Beaufort.....	G. V. Boyde.....		4	1		1	95	100	
Pear Creek.....	"	J. E. Barrington and O. J. Dixon.....	1					90	100	
Free Union.....	"	Fenner Wollard and R. H. Ratcliff.....	2	2		2		64	100	
Piney Grove.....	"	J. H. D. Lee and Thomas Jolley.....	1			1	1	33	100	100
Corinth.....	Martin.....	J. R. Jones and F. L. Davis.....	3			3		110	75	200
Roanoke Grove.....	"	F. E. McCaskey and W. T. Robin.....				1	1	44	100	125
Cedar Grove.....	"	Loyd Ange.....		1				27	50	
Zion Grove.....	"									
Iron Springs.....	"							26		
Rose of Sharon.....	"	W. A. Gurganus.....		4	10			54	1	
Neus Chapel.....	Johnston.....	By Letter.....	3	1				64		
Gum Neck.....	Ferrell.....	W. W. Kemp.....	2	15	12	2	2	130	1	
Malachi's Chapel.....	"	J. W. Swain and J. T. Alexander.....	5	5	7		1	154	1	
Free Union.....	"	Not Represented.....								
Watery Branch.....	Wayne.....	J. E. Bailey and W. B. Edmondson.....	3	9	6	1	24	245	150	
Antioch.....	"	L. H. C. Best.....				2	2	25	50	125
Walnut Creek.....	"	J. Rollins.....	3			2	7	61	100	50
Hickory Chapel.....	Heriford.....	W. C. Raby J. N. Alexander.....		11	1	1	1	51	6	100
Fulton's Grove.....	North Ham	Not Represented.....								
Piney Grove.....	"	Not Represented.....								
Union Chapel.....	Washington	W. C. Weed and E. H. Davenport.....	1	5	3			58	100	
Piney Grove.....	"	W. M. Davenport.....	1	4				66	60	
Mt Olive.....	"	E. W. Ange and J. Ange.....		3	3	2		70	100	
Mt. Tabor.....	"	Not Represented.....								
East Lake.....	Dare.....	Not Represented.....								
Rice's Mill.....	Bertie.....	By Letter.....							5	50
Orter's Creek.....	Edgecombe.....	By Letter.....								
Johnson's Grov.....	South Ham.	By Letter.....		5	1		1	52	75	25

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Times of Holding Annual Meetings.

CHURCHES.(57)	COUNTIES.	TIME.		
✓ Grimsley,	Greene,	2nd Sunday in	Oct.	
✓ Free Union,	"	1st	"	Oct.
Little Creek,	"	1st	"	Oct.
(EASTERN 1957) Saint's Delight,	"	4th	"	Sept.
Friendship,	"	3rd	"	Oct.
✓ Hull Road	"	3rd	"	Oct.
✓ Howell Swamp,	"	2nd	"	Oct.
✓ Harrell's Chapel,	"	3rd	"	Oct.
✓ Gum Swamp,	Pitt,	4th	"	Sept.
✓ Black Jack,	"	3rd	"	Sept.
✓ Parker's Chapel,	"	2nd	"	Sept.
✓ Reedy Branch,	"	1st	"	Nov.
Elm Grove,	"	2nd	"	Oct.
✓ Piney Grove,	"	2nd	"	Sept.
Cross Roads,	"	3rd	"	Aug.
Hickory Grove,	"	3rd	"	Sept.
May's Chapel,	"	1st	"	Oct.
✓ Marlboro,	"	4th	"	Oct.
✓ Pleasant Hill,	"	4th	"	Sept.
✓ Rose Hill,	"	4th	"	Oct.
Coneto Creek,	"	1st	"	Oct.
✓ Bethany,	"	3rd	"	Aug.
Spring Branch,	"	4th	"	Aug.
✓ Ayden,	"	4th	"	Aug.
Watery Branch,	Wayne,	2nd	"	Oct.
Walnut Creek,	"	2nd	"	Sept.
✓ Antioch,	"	1st	"	Sept.
✓ Saratoga,	Wilson,	3rd	"	S pt.
✓ Aspin Grove,	"	2nd	"	Sept.
Ground Nut,	L noir,	2nd	"	Sept.
(EASTERN-1957) White Oak Grove,	"			
✓ Hugo,	"	1st	"	Oct.
✓ Shiloah,	Beaufort,	3rd	"	Oct.
Bear Creek,	"	1st	"	Sept.
Webster's S. H.	"	2nd	"	Sept.

Piney Grove,	"	4th	"	"	Sept. ✓
Corinth,	Martin,	4th	"	"	Oct. (ALBEMARLE-1957)
Roanoke Grove,	"	2nd	"	"	Oct.
Christian Hope,	"	1st	"	"	Nov.
Zion's Grove,	"	3rd	"	"	Oct.
Iron Springs,	"	1st	"	"	Oct.
Rose of Sharon,	"	4th	"	"	Oct. ✓
Cedar Grove,	"	2nd	"	"	Oct. ✓
Neuse Chapel,	Johnson,	4th	"	"	S. pt.
Gum Neck,	Tyrrell,	1st	"	"	S. pt.
Malachi's Chapel,	"	4th	"	"	Aug.
Free Union,	"	2nd	"	"	Oct. (ALBEMARLE-1957)
Hickory Chapel,	Hertford,	1st	"	"	Aug. (ALBEMARLE-1957)
Bolton's Grove,	N. Ham'n,	4th	"	"	Oct.
Piney Grove,	"	2nd	"	"	Oct.
Union Chapel,	Washingt'n	2nd	"	"	Oct. (ALBEMARLE-1957)
Piney Grove,	"	4th	"	"	Sept. (ALBEMARLE-1957)
Mt. Olive,	"	4th	"	"	Sept. (ALBEMARLE-1957)
East Lake,	Dare,				
Rice's Mills,	Bertie,				
Orter's Creek,	Edgecombe	4th	"	"	Oct. ✓
Johnson's Grove,	S. Ham'n.				

SERVICES AT THE STAGE.

THURSDAY MORNING—J. W. Valentine preached—Text Job. 1: 2. "And there were borned unto him seven sons and three daughters."

THURSDAY EVENING—W. H. Frost—Text Matt. 7: 7. "Ask and it shall be given you: Seek and ye shall find: knock and it shall be opened unto you"

FRIDAY MORNING—E. T. Phillips preached—Text Gen. 45: 28. "And Isreal said, It is enough, Joseph my son is yet alive: I will go and see him before I die"

FRIDAY EVENING—R. I. Corbett preached—Text I Peter 3: 15. "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give and answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you. wito meekness and fear."

List of Clerks and Their P. O. Addresses.

Grimsley,	J. J. Hughes,	Lizzie.
Free Union,	S. Tyndale,	Speight's Bridge.
Little Creek,	G. A. Jackson,	Ridge Spring.
St's Delight,	J. H. Hardy,	Ormondsville.
Friendship,	Ivy Tyson,	Farmville.
Hull Road,	B. T. Mooring,	Aiba.
Howell Swamp,	W. L. Walston,	Castoria.
Harrell's Chapel,	W. H. Ham,	Snow Hill.
Gum Swamp,	W. W. Bullock,	Greenville.
Black Jack,	Adam Gaskins,	Black Jack.
Parker's Chapel,	J. O. Johnson,	Greenville.
Hickory Grove,	D. N. Nobles,	House.
Reedy Branch,	P. Harrington,	Greenville.
Elm Grove,	Asa Garriss,	Littlefield.
Piney Grove,	J. H. Manning,	Greenville.
Cross Roads,	Joseph Tugwell,	Farmville.
May's Chapel,	J. L. Smith,	Greenville.
Marlboro,	R. I. Joyner,	Farmville.
Pleasant Hill,	J. W. Smith,	Black Jack.
Rose Hill,	J. F. Bright,	Winterville.
Coneto Creek,	E. James,	Bethel.
Bethany,	H. B. Smith,	Winterville.
Spring Branch,	B. B. Jones,	Ayden.
Howell Swamp,	M. I. Walston,	Fieldsboro.
Saratoga,	W. J. Eason,	Saratoga.
Aspin Grove,	C. M. Windham,	Turnages.
Ground Nut,	I. E. Braxton,	Institute.
Ayden,	W. J. Branch,	Ayden.
Neuse Level,	T. R. Talton,	Princeton.
Hugo,	M. D. Harris,	Hugo.
White Oak Grove,	Seth Dawson,	LaGrange.
Shilo,	G. V. Boyd,	Hunter's Bridge.
Bar Creek,	E. S. Eiks,	Chocowinity.
Webster's S. H.,	Jas. Webster,	Beckwith.
Piney Grove,	J. E. Terry,	Pactolas.

Corinth,	A. B. Waters,	Dardens.
Roanoke Grove,	M. S. Fagan,	Dardens.
Cedar Grove,	G. S. Moore,	Robersonville.
Zion's Grove,		
Iron Spring,	L. F. Long,	Palmyra.
Rose of Sharon,		
Neuse Chapel,	T. R. Talton,	Princeton.
Gum Neck,	J. B. Liverman,	Gum Neck.
Malachi's Chp'l,	W. W. Dillon,	Jerry.
Free Union,		
Watery Branch,	J. E. Bailey,	Eureka.
Antioch,	L. H. C. Best,	Pikeville.
Walnut Creek,	Noah Price,	LaGrange.
Hickory Chapel,	W. J. Sumner,	Ahoskie.
Bolton's Grove,		
Piney Grove,	I. L. Britt,	Murfreesboro.
Union Chapel,	Lewis T. Weed,	Plymouth.
Piney Grove,	J. S. Tarkerton,	Scuppernong.
Mount Olive,	W. H. Ange,	Jamesville.
Mr. Tabor,		
East Lake,	L. R. Smith,	East Lake.
Rice's Mills,	J. J. Mitchell,	Askewsville.
Orter's Creek,	Abner Eason,	Turnages.
Johnson's Grove,	Sidney Cook,	Branchville Va.

A form of Business.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Enrollment of those entitled to membership.
3. Organization.
4. Appointment of committees.
5. Call for petitionary letters.
6. Hand of fellowship to visiting brethren.
7. Reports from the several churches.
8. Reports from committees.
9. Resolutions.
10. Miscellaneous business.
11. Vote of thanks.
12. Adjournment.

LIST OF MINISTERS WITH THEIR P. O.'S.

1. T. N. Mannirg.....Greenville, N. C.
2. J. M. Barfield.....Ayden, "
3. F. McLawhon.....Winterville, "
4. J. Rollins.....LaGrange, "
5. A. A. Tyson.....Black Mountain, "
6. J. J. Harrison.....Warsaw, "
7. G. S. Johnson.....Greenville, "
8. W. H. Lathinghouse.....Greenville, "
9. Q. A. Burroughs.....Black Jack, "
10. P. H. Wilkins.....Princeton, "
11. M. W. Ange.....Jamesville, "
12. T. H. Barnhill.....Grindool, "
13. W. C. Vause.....Hockerton, "
14. J. R. McCaskey.....Creswell, "
15. C. L. Little.....Winterville, "
16. A. Tyson.....Farmville, "
17. E. D. Hathaway.....Holland, "
18. W. H. Frost.....New Berne, "
19. W. T. Pollard.....Grindool, "
20. B. H. Hearn.....Greenville, "
21. J. T. Butler.....Lewiston, "
22. S. J. Halstead.....Norfolk, Va.
23. M. G. Davenport.....Dardens, N. C.
24. D. M. Ratcliff.....Yeatesville, "
25. J. A. Sugg.....Snow Hill, "
26. E. L. Sowers.....Columbia, "
27. R. I. Corbitt.....Ayden, "
28. G. T. Brantley.....Robersonville, "
29. C. J. Harris.....Greenville, "
30. E. R. Ricks.....Branchville, Va.
31. E. B. Hart.....Snow Hill, N. C.
32. C. B. Jones.....Black Jack, N. C.
33. J. M. Boyd.....Pinetown, "