

MINUTES
OF THE
Eleventh Annual Session
OF THE
CENTRAL CONFERENCE
OF THE
ORIGINAL
Free Will Baptist
CONVENED WITH
Marlboro Church,
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THE HISTORY OF THE

REPUBLIC OF THE UNITED STATES

The history of the Republic of the United States is a story of growth and development. It begins with the first settlers who came to the shores of the New World, seeking a better life and a new land. These early pioneers, including the Pilgrims and the Puritans, laid the foundation for the nation that was to come. They established the first colonies, where they learned to live and work together in a new and often difficult environment. As the colonies grew, they began to assert their independence from the British crown, leading to the American Revolution. The war for independence was a struggle for freedom and self-determination, and it resulted in the birth of the United States as a sovereign nation. The new nation faced many challenges, including the struggle to define its government and its relationship with the states. The Constitution was drafted to provide a framework for the federal government, and the Bill of Rights was added to protect the liberties of the people. The early years of the Republic were marked by westward expansion and the growth of the economy. The United States emerged as a major power in the world, and its influence was felt across the globe. The nation continued to grow and develop, facing new challenges and opportunities. The Civil War was a turning point in the nation's history, as it resolved the issue of slavery and preserved the Union. The Reconstruction era followed, as the nation sought to rebuild and reunite. The late 19th and early 20th centuries saw rapid industrialization and the rise of the United States as a world superpower. The nation's role in the world became increasingly prominent, and it played a key role in the defeat of the Axis powers in World War II. The mid-20th century was a period of social and political change, with the Civil Rights Movement and the Vietnam War. The late 20th and early 21st centuries have seen the United States continue to evolve and adapt to a changing world. The nation's history is a testament to the resilience and strength of the American people, and it is a story that continues to inspire and inform the world today.

PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

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 Marlboro, Pitt county, Nov. 7th, 1906. Eld. J. M. Barfield, who was appointed by last conference to preach the introductory, was present and preached—Text: 133 division of the Psalms and 1st verse. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

After a short recess the Conference was called to order by J. M. Barfield.

On motion, Elder R. I. Corbitt be elected moderator, to preside over this Conference during the present session, and that Elder W. H. Lathinghouse be his assistant. Elder J. M. Barfield was elected clerk and Bro. G. W. Prescott reading clerk.

The moderator appointed the following committees:

On Devotional Exercises—Elder J. R. McCaskey, J. T. Bunday and A. D. McKeel.

Finance Committee—J. I. Corbitt, D. Tugwell and J. J. Hughes.

Committee on Education—Elder J. T. Butler, Bro. G. W. Prescott and Elder A. B. Peavy.

Honorary Minister's Fund—W. C. Moore, A. W. Grimsley and Luke McLawhon.

On Temperance—Elders M. A. Woodard, J. R. McCaskey and J. E. Richbourg.

On Missions—Elder J. T. Bunday, Eld. E. T. Phillips and Bro. G. F. Graves.

On motion, the fraternal delegates from the several conferences be invited to seats with us.

The Western Conference:—Elders E. T. Phillips and P. T. Lucas.

Cape Fear Conference—Elder A. B. Peavy.

South Carolina Conference—Elders J. B. Oliver and J. E. Richbourg.

The committee on devotional exercise made the following report: Elders W. H. Lathinghouse open and A. B. Peavy preach to-night. Elders E. T. Phillips and M. A. Woodard preach to-night at Howell Swamp.

On motion, the character of the ministers be enquired after.

On motion, Elder R. I. Corbitt be requested to write a biographical sketch of the life of Elder W. H. Frost and it appear on the face of the minutes.

Elder A. B. Peavy made a short pointed talk as to how the Cape Fear is pushing forward in the cause of Christ. Elder J. E. Richbourg of S. C. spoke of the work being done in his and other sister states. Elder P. T. Lucas spoke of the good work being done in the Western Conference.

On motion, Conference close until to-morrow morning 9:30. Singing by the congregation and prayer by Elder A. B. Peavy.

THURSDAY MORNING, Nov. 8th.

Conference met according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder J. R. McCaskey. The proceedings of yesterday were read and stand approved.

The devotional committee makes the following report: Elders M. A. Woodard open and P. T. Lucas preach at 10:30 a. m. Elders J. T. Bunday open and J. B. Oliver preach at 1 p. m. Elders D. A. Windham open and J. E. Richbourg preach to-night, and J. B. Oliver preach at Howell Swamp.

On motion, Elder F. McLawhon receive and hold the license and credentials of Elder C. J. Harris until next Conference.

On motion, Elder W. H. Lathinghouse be a committee to look after the church property at Bear Creek.

Beaufort county, as there seems to be some trouble about the right.

On motion, the letters from the several churches be called for and their statistics noted.

On motion, Elder T. H. Barnhill be paid \$15.00, that being his railroad fare to the South Carolina Conference. Also Elder W. H. Lathinghouse be paid \$4.00, that being his railroad fare to the Western Conference.

On motion, there be a collection taken to pay their expenses. Collection amounted to \$19.20.

On motion, there be fraternal delegates appointed to the several conferences. They were appointed as follows:

Western Conference—Elders R. I. Corbett, W. H. Lathinghouse and Bro. J. H. Whitley.

Eastern Conference—Elders J. M. Barfield, T. N. Manning and Bro. Luke McLawhon.

Cape Fear Conference—Elder M. A. Woodard and J. A. Hudson.

South Carolina Conference—Elders C. O. Armstrong and D. A. Windham.

Ohio River Yearly Meeting—Bro. G. W. Prescott.

On motion, the clerk of this Conference procure a suitable blank book and record all the important resolutions and transactions of the Conferences from 1900 up to the present, and on motion, the clerk insert in the church letters the word incidental expenses, to pay the expenses of fraternal delegates that may be sent to the other Conferences, and not have to take the minute fund or raise it by collections.

FRIDAY SERVICE.

The Devotional committee made the following report: Eld. D. A. Windham open and A. A. Tyson preach at 10:30 a. m. Elds. J. T. Butler open and preach, E. T. Phillips preach and close.

On motion Elds. J. M. Barfield and A. A. Tyson be put on the honorary ministers list.

On motion, conference close until tomorrow morning 9:30. Prayer by Eld. E. T. Phillips.

FRIDAY MORNING NOV. 9th.

Prayer by Eld. M. A. Woodard. The proceedings of yesterday were read and stand approved.

On motion, the finance committees retire and settle with the treasurers, and the treasurers make their reports. The report of the treasurer of the honorary minister's fund is as follows.

On hand from last year,	\$26.65
Paid Eld. T. N. Manning,	20.00

Total on hand	\$ 6.65
Received at this conference	23.79

On hand	\$ 30.44
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F. McLAWHON, Treasurer.

The treasurer of minute and educational funds report nothing on hand from last year. Received at this conference, on minute fund, \$60.30.
Received on Educational fund, 34.35.

W. F. HART, Treasurer.

On motion, the report of the treasurer be received and the committee be discharged.

On motion, we have 1500 minutes printed and distributed as follows: Western Conference, 50; Eastern Conference, 50; Cape Fear Conference, 25; South Carolina Conference, 25; Ohio River Yearly Meeting, 25.

On motion, the clerk prepare the manuscript for the press and have the minutes printed and draw on the Treasurer to pay for the same, and distribute them among the several churches, and that he be allowed \$12.00 for his service.

On motion, the petitions from the different churches for the next session be taken up, and it was decided that the next session be held with the church at Piney Grove, Pitt county, commencing on Wednesday before the 2nd Sunday in November, 1907.

On motion, Elder J. T. Butler preach the introductory sermon and Elder W. H. Lathinghouse be his alternate.

On motion, a vote of thanks be extended to the people of this vicinity for their kindness and hospitality shown us while this conference was in session. We also extend to the officers of this body our thanks for their wise rulings and deliberate dealings during the setting of this conference.

On motion, this conference close until Wednesday before the 2nd Sunday in November, 1907. Singing by the congregation and prayer by Elder F. McLawhon.

ELD. R. I. CORBETT, Moderator.

ELD. W. H. LATHINGHOUSE, Assistant.

ELD. J. M. BARFIELD, Clerk.

G. W. PRESCOTT, Reading Clerk.

ORDER 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.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	DELEGATES.	Recd.	Baptized.	Dismissed.	Excom.	No. Members	Ministe Fund	Ed. Fund	R. M. Fund.
Grimsley.....	Greene.....	J. J. Hughes, J. F. Graves.....	3	3	10	2	152	\$2 00	\$6 20	\$
Free Union.....	"	B. J. Gay, A. Hagans.....	1	1	2	2	120	1 00		1 00
Little Creek.....	"	Joe Phillips.....	6	5	2	2	121	2 00	1 00	
Sts. Delight.....	"	Arthur Denton, Tom Parish.....	10	9	1	1	276	2 00	3 65	
Friendship.....	"	H. C. Tyson, W. R. Bran.....	2	8	0	4	83	1 00		1 00
Hull Road.....	"	L. Nethercut, Levi Hill.....	8	4	30	2	230	2 00	7 50	2 50
Howell Swamp.....	"	A. D. McKeel, J. I. Corbett.....	1	1	2	2	173	1 50		1 00
Harrell's Chapel.....	"	E. B. Hart, Benj. Carlyle.....	1	1	1	1	43	1 00		
Spring Branch.....	"	Jackson Wooten.....	1	4	5	2	71	1 00		
Gum Swamp.....	Pitt.....	G. W. Stancill, C. J. H. Stancill.....	1	1	13	1	288	1 50		2 00
Black Jack.....	"	John A. Hudson, John A. Clark.....	4	2	12	1	280	3 00		
Parker's Chapel.....	"	By Letter.....	1	3	1	1	83	50	50	50
Reedy Branch.....	"	Shem Tyson, Luke McLawhon.....	9	6	28	2	447	4 00		2 00
Elm Grove.....	"	W. C. Smith.....	2	2	2	2	130	1 00	1 00	
Piney Grove.....	"	Joab Harrington, J. A. Tyson.....	3	3	22	1	199	2 00		
Cross Roads.....	"	W. C. Moore, D. Tugwell.....	1	1	1	2	70	1 00		
Hickory Grove.....	"	D. N. Nobles, J. P. Whitehurst.....	1	14	1	1	145	1 00		1 00
May's Chapel.....	"	J. C. Crawford, J. L. Smith.....	4	4	21	1	42	1 00	1 00	50
Marlboro.....	"	A. W. Grimsley, J. T. Bundy.....	1	1	1	1	1	1 00		50
Pleasant Hill.....	"	By Pastor.....	2	2	2	2	81	1 00		
Rose Hill.....	"	W. F. Oliver.....	6	6	2	2	102	1 00		1 00
Bethany.....	"	Benj. Craft.....	2	2	2	2	2	2 00	1 00	
Spring Branch.....	"	By Letter.....	1	12	1	1	60	1 00		
Ayden.....	"	G. W. Dail, Robt. Hart.....	1	1	1	1	1	1 50		
Greenville.....	"	Wm. Harris, B. Moye.....	1	1	1	1	39	50	50	

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TIMES OF HOLDING ANNUAL MEETINGS.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	TIME.		
Grimsley,	Greene,	2nd	Sunday in	Oct.
Free Union,	"	1st	"	Oct.
Little Creek,	"	1st	"	Oct.
Saints' Delight,	"	4th	"	Sept.
Friendship,	"	3rd	"	Oct.
Hull Road,	"	3rd	"	Oct.
Howell Swamp,	"	2nd	"	Oct.
Harrell's Chapel,	"	4th	"	Oct.
Spring Branch,	"	1st	"	Oct.
Gum Swamp,	Pitt,	4th	"	Sept.
Black Jack,	"	3rd	"	Sept.
Parker's Chapel,	"	2nd	"	Sept.
Reedy Branch,	"	1st	"	Nov.
Elm Grove,	"	2nd	"	Nov.
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.
Bethany,	"	3rd	"	Aug.
Spring Branch,	"	4th	"	Aug.
Ayden,	"	4th	"	Aug.
Greenville,	"	3rd	"	Aug.
Winterville,	"	2nd	"	Aug.
Watery Branch,	Wayne,	2nd	"	Oct.
Walnut Creek,	"	2nd	"	Sept.
Antioch,	"	1st	"	Sept.
Saratoga,	Wilson,	3rd	"	Sept.
Aspin Grove,	"	2nd	"	Sept.
Ground Nut,	Lenoir,	2nd	"	Sept.
White Oak Grove,	"	1st	"	Oct.
Hugo,	"	1st	"	Oct.
Shiloh,	Beaufort,	3rd	"	Oct.
Bear Creek,	"	1st	"	Sept.
Free Union,	"	2nd	"	Sept.
Piney Grove,	"	4th	"	Sept.

Times of Holding Annual Meetings—Continued.

Free Union,	Beaufort,	2nd	"	"	Sept.
Mount Olive,	"	3rd	"	"	Sept.
Corinth,	Martin,	4th	"	"	Sept.
Roanoke Grove,	"	2nd	"	"	Oct.
Christian Hope,	"	1st	"	"	Nov.
Iron Springs,	"	1st	"	"	Oct.
Rose of Sharon,	"	2nd	"	"	Oct.
Cedar Grove,	"	2nd	"	"	Oct.
Gum Neck,	Tyrrell,	3rd	"	"	Oct.
Malachi Chapel,	"	4th	"	"	Aug.
Free Union,	"	2nd	"	"	Oct.
Hickory Grove,	Hertford,	1st	"	"	Aug.
Bolton's Grove,	N. Hamp'n,	4th	"	"	Oct.
Piney Grove,	"	2nd	"	"	Oct.
Union Chapel,	Washing'n	2nd	"	"	Oct.
Piney Grove,	"	4th	"	"	Sept.
Mount Olive,	"	4th	"	"	Sept.
East Lake,	Dare,				
Rice's Mill,	Bertie,				
Otter's Creek,	Edgecombe	4th	"	"	Oct.
Johnson's Grove,	S. Hampt'n	1st	"	"	Sept.

Churches with their Clerks and P. O. Address.

CHURCHES	CLERKS	POST OFFICES
Grimsley.....	J. J. Hughes.....	Farmville.....N. C.
Free Union.....	S. Tyndall.....	Speight's Bridge "
Little Creek.....	Blaney Sumrell.....	Ayden..... "
Sts. Delight.....	Wm. Wells.....	Snow Hill, No. 2 "
Friendship.....	Ivy Tyson.....	Farmville..... "
Hull Road.....	B. T. Mooring.....	Arba..... "
Howell Swamp.....	M. L. Walston.....	Saratoga..... "
Harrell's Chapel.....	W. H. Ham.....	Snow Hill..... "
Spring Branch.....	S. H. Craft.....	Fountain..... "
Gum Swamp.....	W. W. Bullock.....	Greenville..... "
Parker's Chapel.....	E. S. Dixon.....	Greenville..... "
Hickory Grove.....	D. N. Nobles.....	Bethel..... "
Reedy Branch.....	Paul Harrington.....	Greenville..... "
Elm Grove.....	W. L. McLawhon.....	Hanrahan..... "
Piney Grove.....	J. A. Baldree.....	Greenville..... "
Cross Roads.....	J. Tugwell.....	Fountain..... "
May's Chapel.....	J. L. Smith.....	Greenville..... "
Marlboro.....	R. L. Joyner.....	Farmville..... "
Pleasant Hill.....	Thad Smith.....	Shelmerdine..... "
Black Jack.....	J. A. Clark.....	Black Jack..... "
Rose Hill.....	F. A. Haddock.....	Winterville..... "
Bethany.....	H. B. Smith.....	Greenville..... "
Spring Branch.....	George Harris.....	Ayden..... "
Ayden.....	G. W. Prescott.....	Ayden..... "
Greenville.....	B. E. Moye.....	Greenville..... "
Winterville.....	J. R. Smith.....	Winterville..... "
Watery Branch.....	J. E. Bailey.....	Eureka..... "
Walnut Creek.....	Levi Wade.....	LaGrange..... "
Antioch.....	L. H. C. Best.....	Pikeville..... "
Saratoga.....	J. M. Stricklin.....	Saratoga..... "
Aspin Grove.....	L. D. Eason.....	Saratoga..... "
Hugo.....	M. D. Harris.....	Hugo..... "
Ground Nut.....	I. W. Braxton.....	Institute..... "
White Oak Grove.....	Seth Dawson.....	LaGrange..... "
Shiloh.....	George V. Boyd.....	Hunter's Bridge "
Bear Creek.....	O. J. Dixon.....	Shelmerdine..... "
Free Union.....	James Webster.....	Beckwith..... "
Piney Grove.....	T. A. Jolley.....	Pactolus..... "
Corinth.....	W. W. Waters.....	Jamesville, No. 2 "
Roanoke Grove.....	M. S. Fagan.....	Dardens..... "
Rose of Sharon.....	D. B. Whichard.....	Williamston..... "

Cedar Grove.....	G. S. Moore.....	Williamston.....	"
Gum Neck.....	A. E. Jones.....	Gum Neck.....	"
Malichi Chapel.....	H. S. Swain.....	Jerry.....	"
Free Union.....			"
Sound Side.....	J. S. Brickhouse.....	Newberry.....	"
Hickory Chapel.....	W. J. Sumner.....	Ahoskie.....	"
Piney Grove.....	J. L. Brittt.....	Murfreesboro.....	"
Union Chapel.....	L. T. Weed.....	Plymouth.....	"
Piney Grove.....			"
Mount Olive.....	S. J. D. Ange.....	Jamesville.....	"
Mount Tabot.....			"
Otter's Creek.....	J. Eason.....	Saratoga.....	"
Johnson's Grove.....	J. R. Cook.....	Branchville.....	Va.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF ELD. W. H. FROST.

By order of the Central Conference it beomes my duty to chronicle the death of one of her ablest and truest sons, in the person of Elder W. H. Frost, whose short life proved a blessing to our denomination and a power in God's hands of rescuing many precious souls.

Elder Frost was born in Washington county, near Plymouth, N. C., Nov. 1st, 1872, and died at Lucama, N. C., June 10th, 1906. When but a child he found himself surrounded by the disadvantages of life and had no one upon whom he could depend for financial assistance or to prepare him for the duties of life. Those who knew him realized he was an unusually bright boy; and when he had grown into young manhood, he realized the possibilities of life and the horror of living an ungodly life. About 1890 he professed Christ and joined the Disciple church at Zion Grove. Some time later he chanced to hear Eld. J. R. McCaskey preach a sermon in which he explained the doctrine of our church. He asked Bro. McCaskey if the church believed as he had preached and he was told it did, and being persuaded that it was the Bible doctrine he demanded baptism of Eld. McCaskey and joined the F. W. Baptist church at Union Chapel. According to his own statement he did this with a consciousness of a call to the ministry. He made his first attempt to preach about Dec. 1, 1891. It could easily be seen by his first efforts that he was inspired by an evangelistic spirit. He preached as a licentiate for about

two years. On July 28, 1894, he was ordained by a council composed of his pastor, Elder J. R. McCaskey, Elder W. W. Gurkin and one other whose name is not known by the writer.

In 1896 he entered fully into the evangelistic work and continued until 1901, when he was married to Miss Etta Lucas, an accomplished daughter of Elder P. T. Lucas. He then accepted the pastoral care of St. Mary's church in Newberne, N. C., where he lived two years. His health having failed him he gave up his entire ministerial work and moved to Lucama, where he remained until the end came. His health having somewhat improved while at Lucama, he accepted the care of Kenly church, but soon found himself compelled to give up work entirely.

His funeral service was conducted by Elders J. W. Alford and L. T. Phillips. For several years Bro. Frost suffered intensely, but at all times bore his afflictions with patience and Christian fortitude. He was conscious of his condition and, as a true Christian, could say, "Not my will but thine be done."

Every possible effort was made to effect a cure, but at last that terrible disease, consumption won its victory. He leaves a wife, one child and a host of friends, to cherish his memory. By his life and the fruits of his labor we have the assurance that God hath said, "Come up higher."

R. I. CORBETT.

CLERK'S REMARKS.

You will see in the minutes all the churches are requested to send to the conference a small contribution under the head of incidental expenses. This is to pay the traveling expenses of fraternal delegates to other conferences, and not have to take the minute fund or raise by public collection.

We are glad to see the churches taking more interest in the upbuilding of the cause of the Master's kingdom, and we trust all the churches will become more and more enthused over the good work.

Brethren, let each church increase their educational fund to assist the young men that feel divinely impressed with the great duty in going forth and working for the Master.

We trust that all the churches not having a Sabbath School will organize one at once and train the young minds in the love and admonition of the Lord.

The Free Will Baptist Pub. Co. is getting out Sunday School work, so we can now use our own literature.

We request all the brethren to subscribe to the BAPTIST that are not already taking it. You can hear from churches of other states. Just a few years back we knew nothing of them, nor they knew nothing of us. We now know we are corresponding with the brethren of twelve or fifteen states. We would be glad to give the number of conferences and associations in the several states, but cannot at this time. It has been said by some that there is but a small squad of Free Will Baptists; but the report is untrue. We are becoming more and more acquainted. We print the minutes of several conferences and associations. We will not meet face to face in this life, but the time will come if we are faithful to the end that we will meet in a brighter world than this, where there will be no separation.

List of Ordained Ministers and their Post Offices.

1.	T. N. Manning	Winterville.....	N. C.
2.	J. M. Barfield	Ayden	"
3.	F. McLawhon.....	Greenville No. 2.....	"
4.	J. Rollins.....	LaGrange	"
5.	A. A. Tyson.....	Rocky Mount.....	"
6.	J. J. Harrison.....	Warsaw	"
7.	G. S. Johnson.....	Greenville	"
8.	W. H. Lathinghouse.....	Greenville	"
9.	M. W. Ange.....	Jamesville.....	"
10.	T. H. Barnhill.....	Grindool	"
11.	W. C. Vause.....	Hookerton	"
12.	J. R. McCaskey.....	Ayden.....	"
13.	C. L. Little.....	Winterville.....	"
14.	A. Tyson.....	Farmville.....	"
15.	E. D. Hathaway.....	Conetoe.....	"
16.	W. T. Pollard.....	Stokes.....	"
17.	B. H. Hearne.....	Greenville.....	"
18.	J. T. Butler.....	Aulander.....	"
19.	D. M. Ratcliff.....	Yeatesville	"
20.	J. A. Sugg.....	Snow Hill.....	"
21.	E. L. Sowers.....	Columbia	"
22.	R. I. Corbitt.....	Ayden.....	"
23.	E. B. Hart.....	Snow Hill.....	"
24.	C. B. Jones.....	Winterville, No. 3.....	"
25.	J. D. Boyd.....	Pinetown	"
26.	J. T. Bundy.....	Fountain.....	"
27.	M. A. Woodard.....	Ayden	"
28.	D. A. Windham.....	Saratoga.....	"
29.	R. E. Edmonson.....	Eureka.....	"
30.	J. D. Bryant.....	Bethel.....	"
31.	S. F. Lasitter.....	Branchville.....	Va.

