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## PROCEEDINGS

The first stat convention of the Free Will Baptist of North Carolina met with the church at Bailey, Nash county, on September 17th, 1913.

Eld. A. R. Flowers, who was appointed, attended and preached. Text: Phil. 1:29.

After the service the meeting adjourned for one hour.

### Evening Session.

D. B. Sasser, the president, called the meeting to order.

Constitution and By-Laws were read and adopted, chapter after chapter, and section after section. (See Constitution and By-Laws).

On motion, we have 500 copies of the Constitution and By-Laws printed and sent to the officers, ministers, and clerks of the churches.

The following committees were appointed:

Devotional: Eld. J. K. Ruffin, J. C. Griffin, and B. B. Deans.

Temperance—Elds. W. B. Everett, T. H. Barnhill and Bro. Leslie Styron.

Credentials—Elds. J. T. Butler, Geo. W. Ferrall, J. F. Casey, C. K. Dunn, J. E. Davis.

Ways and Means—T. H. Barnhill, A. R. Flowers, L. T. Phillips.

Devotional Committee report C. J. Harris preach to-night.

Finance Committee: W. M. Howell, J. H. Whitley, Jno. Hunnings.

On motion, convention adjourn till 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Song by congregation.

Prayer y Eld. T. H. Barnhill.

### Thursday Morning.

Convention met as per adjournment. Prayer by Eld. L. T. Phillips. Minutes of the previous day read and

approved.

The following ministers being present, their names were enrolled:

From the Central Conference: C. J. Harris, T. H. Barnhill and J. T. Butler.

Western: J. W. Valentine, W. B. Everett, B. W. Tippet, S. D. Scalf, Geo. W. Ferrell, L. T. Phillips, J. K. Ruffin, J. E. Davis, W. M. Howell, J. C. Griffin, B. B. Deans, E. T. Phillips, A. R. Flowers, J. R. Morris, J. W. Wood, licentiate.

Eastern: G. W. Harrison.

Cape Fear: J. F. Casey.

On motion the visiting ministers and delegates be enrolled with proper credentials.

The name of E. B. Joyner, of the South Georgia Association, was enrolled.

A letter was read from E. L. StClaire, D. D.

Devotional committee report that L. T. Phillips preach here at 11 o'clock and E. B. Joyner preach tonight.

The election of officers was taken up. The following were elected:

D. B. Sasser, of Kenly, president; M. C. Prescott, of Ayden, vice-president; E. T. Phillips, recording secretary; C. J. Harris, of Greenville, Route 4, Field Secretary; C. K. Dunn, Arapahoe, treasurer..

The following compose the executive committee:

D. B. Sasser, chairman,

J. T. Butler,

M. C. Prescott,

Eld. Lloyd Vernon.

Home Mission Board:

J. T. Butler,

F. F. Loftin,

Eld. W. R. Coats,

C. E. Brame.

Education:

Lloyd Vernon,

B. M. Whitehurst,

R. F. Pittman,  
B. P. Parks.  
Sunday Schools:  
M. C. Prescott,  
L. L. Smith,  
A. R. Flowers,

On motion, Finance committee retire, settle with the treasurer and he made his report. (See treasurer's report.)

On motion, this convention indorse action of this body some years ago relative to the Orphanage Home; and that Brother J. E. Davis be requested to report what the committee has done.

Eld. J. E. Davis made a strong plea for a Free Will Baptist Orphanage. He stated that but little had been done toward the building of the institution.

Eld. J. T. Butler, of the Central Conference, made an address on the orphanage, stating that several had signed amounts for the Orphanage Home. He was followed by Eld. E. B. Joyner.

On motion, time and place of holding next State Convention, be left with the Executive Committee.

#### **Treasurer's Report.**

Received from Finance Committee \$78.91.

C. K. DUNN, Treasurer.

The above report was adopted.

On motion, the Convention adjourn till 9 o'clock Friday morning.

Song by the congregation. Prayer by E. T. Phillips.

#### **Friday Morning.**

Convention met as per adjournment. Praise and prayer by J. W. Wood.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

On motion, we recommend the work of the Orphanage. The report of the committee of the Western Conference of last year was read and adopted, which is as follows:

1. We ask all the deacons of our churches to take up the matter of building a Free Will Baptist Orphanage

in the state of North Crolina in their respective churches during this conference year. We also ask them to take pledges of all that will pledge themselves, and to see how much they can get pledged and make their report to our next state convention. We also ask all the conferences and associations to do the same.

2. We ask our pastors and preachers to aid, assist and encourage the deacons in this great work.

3. We ask all our conferences and associations to appoint two or more corresponding committees from their bodies to confer with each other in regard to the location of said orphanage. Also that they see what inducements may be offered by different places and report same at the state convention.

3. That said conferring committee keep each other and our people posted on these various matters

By The Committee.

Eld. J. E. Davis made a strong plea for an orphanage, followed by Eld. J. K. Ruffin.

The following resolutions in regard to the Free Will Baptist Publishing Company were read and adopted:

#### Resolutions.

1. That the charter of the Free Will Baptist Publishing Company be so changed or amended that it shall read: Authorized capital stock \$10,000. To begin business when \$3,000 shall have been paid in as stock.

2. That the original stock be considered as so much paid in, at its first or cash value, representing what was paid in in actual cash or its value.

3. That as soon as the \$3,000 shall have been paid in, that the Secretary of the Publishing Company call the stockholders together in a meeting for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors who shall meet and elect all necessary officers.

4. That earnest solicitations be made to the various conferences, union meetings, associations, etc., in the Free Will Baptist denomination as well as to all worthy citizens and brethren who might be induced to take stock, the value of each share to be \$10.00.

5. That none of the new stock paid in shall be for the liquidation of any debt contracted by this company prior to this date, except for subscription..

The newly organized body under the amended char-



ter shall, however, take all the business of the old company in hand after it meets and organizes.

The following were appointed to represent the different conferences in this called meeting for the Publishing Company:

Western—R. F. Pittman,

Eastern—M. C. Prescott,

Central—W. W. Bullock,

Cape Fear—J. F. Casey.

A few minutes were taken in prayer for Eld. J. C. Griffin, who was very sick.

On motion, Bro. Griffin be attended at his bedside by one of the convention.

Devotional Committee report that W. B. Everett preach today and E. T. Phillips tonight.

Strong talks were made on education by A. T. Dawson, E. T. Phillips. Eld. B. B. Deans said he was willing to raise his proportionate part of \$8,000 the Free Will Baptist are to pay. D. B. Sasser made a talk of great importance for the school.

The following resolutions were adopted:

### **Resolutions on Education.**

By E. T. Phillips.

Resolved, First. That we as a body insist that each church throughout the state be requested to send as large a donations as possible to its respective Annual Conference or Association, of the present year, for the benefit of Ayden Seminary.

Second. We urge that the respective pastor of each church sees to it that these resolutions be made operative at once.

Third. We ask that a committee of three be appointed in each church as early as possible to see how much they can raise by the coming Annual Conference or Association.

On motion, a copy of the resolutions on education be sent to all the churches of the state and the convention defray the expense.

On motion, the secretary have 500 copies of the Constitution and By-Laws printed and distributed and be

allowed to draw on treasurer for expense of same.

On motion, clerk have 1,000 minutes printed and distributed.

On motion, clerk be allowed \$15.00 for preparing and distributing minutes and such other work as he may do during the year.

A vote of thanks was extended to the community of Bailey and vicinity for the very generous way in which they entertained this convention.

On motion a blank be left on letters to State Convention for Sunday School report.

On motion, this body appoint a committee to get a form of rules for the government of all the churches and submit same to all the conferences for adoption.

The following were appointed said committee on forms:

From Central Conference—J. T. Butler; Eastern—J. W. Alford; Western—E. T. Phillips; Cape Fear—J. F. Hill.

F. F. Loftin made a report for Song Book Company to the effect that it would not be practicable at present to get out a book. He recommended that churches use Church Hymnal and Sunday School Songs Combined. Bro. Loftin's recommendations were adopted by the Convention.

On motion, the Convention return thanks to the president for his splendid rulings in the meeting.

On motion, the president be allowed to do any writing and charge to the Convention.

On motion, the Convention adjourn to meet at time and place to be designated by the Executive Committee.

D. B. SASSER, Moderator.

E. T. PHILLIPS, Secretary



CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS  
of the  
NORTH CAROLINA STATE CONVENTION  
of the  
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
OF JESUS CHRIST

## **PREAMBLE.**

We, the Original Free Will Baptist of North Carolina, assembled, in order to advance, promote and increase the cause of Jesus Christ and to increase, unify and develop the work, do establish and ordain this Constitution for the North Carolina State Convention.

## **CONSTITUTION.**

### **Article I.**

This assembly shall be known as the North Carolina State Convention of the Original Free Will Baptist Church of Jesus Christ.

### **Article II.**

Section 1 The officers of the Convention shall be President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Field Secretary, Treasurer, Executive Committee, a State Board of Missions, a State Board of Education, and a State Board of Sunday Schools, elected annually by the Convention.

Section 2. The Convention shall be composed of all the ordained and licensed ministers in good standing and teaching no other doctrine than that taught by the Original Free Will Baptist, living in the state of North Carolina, one delegate from each church in good standing, one delegate from each Union Meeting, and one from each Conference or Association for every 1000 members or fraction thereof.

### **Article III.**

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside over each session, preserve order, govern the body according to established parliamentary usage and appoint all committees, unless otherwise provided for by the Convention.

Section 2. The duties of the Vice-President shall be the duties of the President when that officer is not present.

Section 3. The duties of the Recording Secretary shall be to keep an accurate record of the transactions of the Convention and preserve the same, to keep all valuable documents of the Convention and surrender same to his successor in office when ordered to do so by the Convention.

Section 4. The duties of the Field Secretary shall be to correspond with those desirous of knowing anything

pertaining to the work of the Convention. He shall also from year to year prepare a statistical table showing the increase in membership, church property and other data pertaining to the general work of the church. He shall read same at each session of the annual Convention, and shall refer the same to the Recording Secretary for record. The Field Secretary shall also be chairman of the Board of Home Missions.

Section 5. The duties of the Treasurer shall be to keep all money belonging to the Convention and pay out the same only by order of the Convention when said order is signed by the President and Secretary, except money raised for Home Missions, which money shall be paid out by order of the Home Mission Board when said order is signed by the Chairman of the Board.

The Treasurer of the Convention shall also be Treasurer of all the Boards and Committees of the Convention.

Section 6. The duties of the Executive Committee shall be the duties of the Convention when not in session; said committee shall have power to call extra sessions when in its judgment such sessions becomes necessary; said committee shall have power to suspend any officer of the Convention when that body is not in session and said officer or officers prove a failure in his or their official duties or prove to be non-Christian in his work, or detrimental to the cause of Christ, and appoint others to fill said vacancies and any other vacancy which may occur from various causes and all officers thus appointed shall hold office until the next regular Convention. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the President of the Convention as chairman, the chairman of the Home Mission Board, the chairman of the Sunday School Board, the chairman of the Educational Board and one or more to be appointed by the Convention.

#### Article IV.

Section 1. The Home Mission Board shall be composed of one member from each conference or association belonging to the Convention. The Home Mission Board shall look after home missions in the state. It shall have the power to appoint state and district Evangelists and Missionaries.

The Vice-President shall be chairman of the Home

Mission Board. The Board shall elect three members to act as Executive Committee to meet quarterly and attend to home mission work, with what aid the other members can give. The Board may collect and use all money belonging to the Convention intended for home missions, using such money within the bounds of the Convention. The Treasurer of the Convention shall be a member of the Home Mission Board and shall pay all orders when signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Board, when there is home mission money with which to pay.

The Convention may at all times devise ways and means to increase the support of home missions.

Section 2. The duties of the Board of Education shall be to look after the educational interests of the church and young ministers.

Section 3. The duties of the Sunday School Board shall be to look after the interests of the Sunday School work in the state, and they may put a field worker in the field to encourage and promote the Sunday School cause. They may devise ways and means for the support of said field worker. One duty of the field worker shall be to prepare a statistical table of the number of churches with and without Sunday schools, with the number enrolled and any other data in the interest of Sunday Schools he may deem proper, and make an annual report of same to the Convention.

#### Article V.

Section 1. The Convention shall have no power that is not granted by this Constitution, which shall not be changed or altered only by a two-thirds vote of all members present in a regular session.

Section 2. This Convention shall have a right to say who shall become members, and shall have a right to exclude and member, conference or association from its fellowship for false doctrine, departing from the faith, or for non-Christian conduct.

Section 3. The Convention shall not admit for membership, any minister, church, conference or association that does not teach and practice the doctrine and usages of the Original Free Will Baptist church.

The Convention shall provide itself with a seal, said seal to be placed on official papers.

#### Article VI.

Section 1. The duties of delegates shall be to attend each session of the Convention, answer to roll

call and serve on committees when appointed.

Section 2. Delegates shall have the right to speak on any subject before the Convention, by first addressing the President and obtaining the floor.

Section 3. Each delegate will be expected to bring a collection from the body he represents for Home Missions, Education and Convention purposes.

Delegates guilty of non-Christian conduct shall be expelled from the Convention and be reported to the body that sent them.

### Article VII.

Section 1. The following committees shall be appointed at each session of the Convention, Condition of church in General, Temperance, Credentials, Ways and Means, and any other that from time to time may be needful.

Section 2. The order of business shall be:

1. Singing.
2. Prayer.
3. Introductory Sermon.
4. Recess.
5. Calling Convention to order by President, or in his absence, Vice-President, or Secretary.
6. Calling for corresponding letters, reading same, enrolling delegates and calling the roll.
7. Election of officers.
8. Report of Field Secretary.
9. Appointment of committees.
10. Report of Executive Committee.
11. Election of New Executive Committee.
12. Report of State Board of Missions.
13. Election of New Board of Missions.
14. Report of Board of Education.
15. Election of New Educational Board.
16. Report of Sunday School Board.
17. Election of new Sunday School Board.
18. Unfinished business.
19. New business.
20. Miscellaneous.
21. Report of committees.
22. Treasurer's report.
23. Convention report.
24. Adjournment.

# STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	COUNTIES	DELEGATES	No. members	Value of church prop'y	Benevolent purposes	Minute fund
Holly Springs .....	Johnston .....	W. G. Pittman .....	126	\$ 500	\$ 71	\$1.00
Kenly .....	" .....	W. T. Kirby .....	139	1,700	400	1.00
Micro .....	" .....	J. F. Wellons .....	140	1,000	100	1.00
Branch Chapel .....	" .....	J. W. Blackman .....	30	100	50	.50
Pine Level .....	" .....	By Pasor .....	92	1,500	130	1.00
Friendship .....	" .....	B. B. Richardson .....	108	800	100	1.00
Everetts Chapel .....	" .....	E. C. Morris .....	32	500	40	1.00
Piney Grove .....	" .....	J. C. Spivey .....	75	1,200	50	.50
Stancills Chapel .....	" .....	By Letter .....	115	300	4.25	1.00
Pleasant Plain .....	" .....	" .....	69	400	15	.50
Pleasant Grove .....	Wayne .....	Albert Faucet .....	146	2,000	100	1.00
Pleasant Hill .....	" .....	Miss Essie Sasser .....	95	1,000	95	1.00
Antioch .....	" .....	J. S. Sasser .....	43	600	30	.75
Goldsboro .....	" .....	Eld. J. F. Casey .....	72	1,500	396	1.00
Union Grove .....	" .....	Mrs. Sarah Morris .....	127	1,250	216.76	1.06
Walnut Creek .....	" .....	By letter .....	57	400	60	.50
Saratoga .....	Wilson .....	Marie Strickland .....	191	2,000	160	2.65
Little Rock .....	" .....	Larry Lucas .....	215	1,500	150	2.02
Marsh Swamp .....	" .....	Luther Barnes .....	128	1,500	400	2.00
People's Chapel .....	" .....	R. A. Winstead .....	113	500	75	1.00
Mt. Zion .....	" .....	M. H. Johnson .....	44	1,500	50	.50
Bailey .....	Nash .....	W. K. Bissett .....	33	2,500	200	.50
Stony Hill .....	" .....	W. B. Strickland .....	158	900	50	1.00
Flood's Chapel .....	" .....	Wm. Dickinson .....	38	1,000	100	1.00
Rock Spring .....	" .....	R. B. Carroll .....	100	1,500	200	.50
White Oak Hill .....	" .....	Jos. Lamm .....	114	350	25	1.00
Free Union .....	" .....	W. E. Moran .....	20	350	35	.50



# Statistical Table.—Continued

Co-Co Creek .....	"	Joel Stallings .....	70	500	125	1.00
Hull Road .....	Greene	A. T. Dawson .....	235	2,000	250	1.00
Howell Swamp .....	"	J. H. Whitley .....	200	1,500	200	1.00
Spring Branch .....	"	J. W. Wooten .....	91	1,000	75	1.00
Parker's Chapel .....	Pitt	J. F. Harris .....	105	800	150	1.25
Piney Grove .....	"	T. E. Little .....	205	600	100	.50
Black Jack .....	"	W. L. Clark .....	346	1,000	200	5.00
Reedy Branch .....	"	Josephus Moyer .....	443	2,000	254	3.03
Marlboro .....	"	W. H. Moore .....	131	1,000	75	1.25
Hickory Grove .....	"	J. H. Whithurst .....	110	1,500	165	1.25
Gum Swamp .....	"	W. W. Bullock .....	275	1,500	300	5.00
Ayden .....	"	By E. T. Phillips .....	142	2,000	230	1.00
Sts. Delight .....	Franklin	By Eld. J. W. Valentine .....	40	450	25	1.00
Plain View .....	"	H. A. Collins .....	22	250	75	1.00
Otters Creek .....	Edgecombe	Benj. Dildy .....	47	800	121	.50
Union Chapel .....	Washington	By Eld. E. B. Joyner .....	40	300	98	3.00
Mount Olive .....	"	" " " " .....	136	600	120	3.00
Arapahoe .....	Pamlico	C. K. Dunn .....	206	1,000	200	1.00
Woodington .....	Lenoir	F. F. Loftin .....	100	1,000	100	1.50
Dailey's Chapel .....	"	By Letter .....	152	1,250	100	2.40
Smith's New Home .....	"	" " " " .....	103	300	40	1.00
Hugo .....	"	" " " " .....	100	2,000	100	.50
Mineral Springs .....	Durham	Eld. S. D. Scalf .....	34	900	125	.50
King's Chapel .....	"	Eld. B. W. Tippet .....	47	500	125	.50
Union Groe .....	"	By Ltr .....	100	.....	.....	1.35
Gethsemane .....	Craven	" " " " .....	130	700	125	.60
Friendship .....	"	" " " " .....	34	150	56	1.45
Roanoke Grove .....	Martin	" " " " .....	87	1,000	124	1.00
Corinth .....	"	" " " " .....	68	650	150	2.50
Free Union .....	Beaufort	" " " " .....	124	300	12	1.50
White Hill .....	"	J. W. Hunnings .....	230	1,000	150	1.00
Russell's Creek .....	Carteret	By Letter .....	108	1,500	200	1.00
Oak Grove .....	Sampson	" " " " .....	50	500	60	1.00
Snow Hill .....	Duplin	" " " " .....	60	600	8	1.00
Friendship .....	Jones	Eld. G. W. Harrison n. ....	123	500	125	.60
Cardova .....	Richmond	B Letter .....	17	.....	7	.25
Mount Moriah .....	"	" " " " .....	75	300	32	.25