

MINUTES  
OF THE  
Second Annual Session  
OF THE  
**MINISTER'S MEETING,**  
AND OF THE  
Sixth Annual Session  
OF THE  
UNION CONFERENCE  
OF THE  
ORIGINAL  
**FREE WILL BAPTIST,**  
HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT  
**WOOD'S GROVE, WAYNE COUNTY, N. C.,**  
*SEPTEMBER 26th, 27th and 28th, 1895.*

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## PROCEEDINGS

### OF THE MINISTER'S MEETING.

According to previous announcement, ministers from the Eastern, Western and Cape Fear Conferences of the original Free Will Baptist, met with the church at Wood's Grove, Wayne Co., N. C., on Sept. 26th, 1895.

According to appointment, Eld. P. T. Lucas preached the introductory sermon—Text: John. 21st chapter, and latter clause of 15th verse—"Lovest thou me more than these?"

On motion, Eld. P. T. Lucas was elected President.

On motion, J. F. Jackson, of the Cape Fear Conference, was elected Secretary.

On motion, Eld. J. F. Hill was appointed chairman of a committee on Devotional Exercises, and he be empowered to select two others to co-operate with him. Eld. Hill appointed Bros. J. L. Aulphin and M. S. Smith on this committee.

On motion, the word "*Chairman*" of the constitution be stricken out, and the word, "*President*", be inserted.

The following ministers were enrolled:

#### CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE.

R. C. Jackson, J. A. Hodges, J. F. Hill, W. L. Godwin.

#### WESTERN.

D. Davis, P. T. Lucas, J. P. Mazingo, L. T. Phillips, E. T. Phillips.



## EASTERN.

J. M. Barfield, T. F. and T. H. Harrison by letter.

On motion of Eld. D. Davis, Eld. J. F. Hill be received as a member of this meeting.

On motion of Eld. D. Davis, Eld. W. L. Godwin be received as a member of this meeting.

On motion of Eld. D. Davis, Eld. J. P. Mozingo be received as a member of this meeting.

Committee on Devotional Exercises report to preach to-night, Eld. E. T. Phillips.

On motion, we adjourn, to meet Friday morning at 8:30 o'clock.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 27th.

According to adjournment, the Minister's Meeting met at 8:30 o'clock.

On motion, Eld. B. W. Nash be invited to a seat in this body.

The following resolution by Eld. R. C. Jackson, was received for discussion and adopted.

Resolved—That the President be empowered to appoint a committee of five to draft a form of ceremonies for administering Baptism, Communion services, and questioning applicants for admission to the church. The same to be presented at our next Annual Meeting for ratification or rejection.

The President appointed on this committee—Eld's E. T. Phillips, L. T. Phillips, J. M. Barfield, R. C. Jackson and J. F. Hill.

The following resolution by R. C. Jackson was adopted.

Resolved—That the ministers of this Meeting instruct the churches under their charge, to al-

low no Adventist, Mormon, Latter Day Saints, Universalist, or any other who seek to destroy the peace of our churches, to hold services in our houses of worship.

On motion, the proceedings of the Minister's Meeting be printed in the FREE WILL BAPTIST and the Baptist Review.

On motion by Eld. R. C. Jackson, Eld. J. F. Hill preach the introductory sermon at our next Annual Meeting.

On motion by Eld. E. T. Phillips, Eld. R. C. Jackson be his alternate.

On motion, we adjourn. Praise and prayer by Eld. B. W. Nash.

President—P. T. LUCAS,  
Secretary—J. F. JACKSON.

## CONSTITUTION OF THE MINISTER'S MEETING.

Article 1. A minister's meeting of the "Original Free Will Baptist" of North Carolina, shall meet at least, once every year, Thursday after the fourth Sunday in September, at the appointed place for the Union Conference.

Art. 2. An introductory Sermon shall be preached at the sitting of the minister's meeting each year.

Art. 3. The minister who preaches the introductory shall preside over said meeting until a President is appointed.

Art. 4. Each meeting shall have power to elect such officers as may be needful.

Art. 5. The meeting shall be to devise plans for the advancement of the Gospel of Christ.



Art. 6. It shall be the duty of the meeting to keep unity between the brother ministers, and to understand each other's work, so our preaching will not conflict with each other in preaching the Gospel.

Art. 7. All ministers who wish to become members of the "Minister's Meeting," shall make application at the regular sitting of said meeting, and shall be received by the regular vote of that meeting.

Art. 8. All members composing said meeting shall be required to attend annually, unless providentially hindered.

Art. 9. This meeting shall have the power to exclude any member of said meeting, for any disorderly walk.

Art. 10. This meeting shall have the power to make or amend any rule or by-law they may think necessary, in carrying out its benevolent purposes.

Art. 11. All members composing this meeting shall be required to vote *pro* or *con*, unless excused by the President.

Art. 12. The President shall have supreme power to call any person to a point of order during the sitting of the meeting.

Art. 13. No person shall speak over ten minutes on any subject, without the consent of the President, and shall be allowed to speak twice if necessary.

Art. 14. The proceedings of the Minister's Meeting shall be published in connection with her minutes of the Union Conference.

## UNION CONFERENCE.

According to previous announcement, the ministers and delegates composing the Union Conference, from the Eastern, Western, and Cape Fear Conferences of the Original Free Will Baptist of North Carolina, met with the church at Wood's Grove, Wayne County.

Eld. T. F. Harrison who was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, not being present, Conference called upon Eld. D. Davis, who preached from Psalms 84th chapter and 11th verse—"For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly."

### FRIDAY EVENING.

Conference opened with praise and prayer by Eld. R. C. Jackson.

The Moderator not being present, H. W. Jernigan was elected Moderator, *Protem*.

The Moderator called to his assistance, Eld. R. C. Jackson. The Secretary called to his assistance, J. F. Jackson.

The following were enrolled:

#### OFFICERS.

E. T. Phillips, Secretary; A. Muns, Treasurer.

#### MINISTERS

present from the Cape Fear Conference—J. F. Hill, W. L. Godwin, R. C. Jackson, J. A. Hodges.

#### WESTERN.

D. Davis, C. R. Pearce, P. T. Lucas, J. P. Moringo, L. T. Phillips, E. T. Phillips.



## EASTERN.

J. M. Barfield, T. F. and T. H. Harrison, by letter.

The hand of fellowship was extended to Elder B. W. Nash.

On motion of Elder D. Davis, Fort Run church, Greene county, be received and her delegates seated.

On motion of Elder R. C. Jackson, the Moderator appoint a committee to confer with Elder T. F. Harrison, in regard to Spring Branch church. The Moderator appointed Elder J. F. Hill.

The following committees were appointed:

On Finance—J. L. Aulphin, J. D. Stevens, W. M. Pope.

Devotional—J. F. Hill, A. C. Crumpler, Ransom Garris.

Standing Committee on Obituaries—Bros. J. F. Jackson, J. D. Stevens, J. P. Mozingo.

Committee on Devotional Exercises report Elder W. L. Godwin preach at 3 o'clock; Elder R. C. Jackson at night; also Elder J. A. Hodges preach at Bro. Joseph Hill's at night.

On motion of Elder R. C. Jackson, the committee that was appointed at last Conference, composed of Elders D. Davis, T. F. and T. H. Harrison, G. W. Davis and J. M. Barfield, to invite ministers and churches of the Eastern Conference to unite with us, be continued, and D. R. Jones and Wm. Gurganus, be added to the committee.

On motion of D. R. Jones, conference close until to-morrow morning 8:30 o'clock. Prayer by Elder D. Davis.

## SATURDAY MORNING 9 O'CLOCK.

Conference opened with praise and prayer by Elder J. F. Hill, minutes of yesterday read and approved; and a welcome was extended to Eld. Wm. Green Jones of the Eastern Conference.

On motion of Elder R. C. Jackson, we receive the report of the former Treasurer.

## FORMER TREASURER'S REPORT.

Ballance on hand, - - - - \$18,23.  
T. T. OLIVER.

On motion of J. V. Barefoot, the former Treasurer pay to the present Treasurer, the amount of funds on hand.

Committee on Devotional Exercises, report Elder J. M. Barfield preach at 11 o'clock; to-night, Elder J. A. Hodges; to-morrow, Elder R. C. Jackson.

On motion of Elder R. C. Jackson, the Moderator appoint two brethren from the Cape Fear, and two from the Western; also that the Moderator be added, to see Elders Strickland and Ellis, to see if they cannot bring about reconciliation. The Moderator appointed from Cape Fear Conference, R. C. Jackson and J. F. Hill—Western, P. T. Lucas and J. P. Mozingo.

## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We the Finance Committee, submit the following report:

We find in the hands of the Treasurer, \$14,60.

J. L. AULPHIN, }  
J. D. STEVENS, } Committee.  
W. M. POPE, }

The following resolution by Elder R. C. Jackson was adopted:

Resolved—That Art. 7th, of the Constitution, be changed by inserting the word "Church," af-



ter the word "Conference," thus, "Any Minister, Conference or Church," etc.

RESOLUTIONS BY ELD. R. C. JACKSON.

Seeing the great need of all our churches being governed by the same rules of church government,

Be it resolved 1st—That the Moderator of this Conference appoint a committee of six, three of the Western and three of the Cape Fear Conference, to take the rules of church government of the two Conferences, compare, revise and consolidate into one. The same to be presented to the next Annual Setting of this body, for adoption or rejection.

Resolved 2nd—That this Body ask the Eastern Conference to appoint a committee of six of her members to confer with the committee appointed by this Body, and act with them in said revision, earnestly requesting that said committee be present at the next Annual Setting of this body.

The Moderator appointed on said committee, from the Western Conference, Elders D. Davis, P. T. Lucas and E. T. Phillips; Cape Fear Conference, Elders J. F. Hill and R. C. Jackson. Jackson in the chair, H. W. Jernigan was also appointed.

The following resolution by J. F. Hill was adopted:

Resolved—That Art. 5th be, and is hereby amended, to read as follows: "The delegate from each church, shall bear to the Conference, a letter certifying his appointment, showing the amount of contribution raised for benevolent purposes during the year, and total number of members, and nothing more.

On motion of J. F. Hill, we have 700 minutes printed, send 25 to S. C. Conference, 50 to the Eastern, 25 to the French Broad, and the remainder to the Cape Fear and Western Conferences; also send 25 to the Pee Dee Conference.

On motion of Elder R. C. Jackson, the Secretary be paid \$5.00 for his services.

On motion of Elder J. A. Hodges, the Treasurer put into the hands of the Secretary, the minute funds, to pay for his service and the printing of the minutes.

On motion of J. V. Barefoot, we have 75 letters printed in conformity with Art. 5th of the revised constitution.

Petitions for the next Union Conference were presented from Kenly, Spring Branch and Little Rock churches.

On motion the next Union Conference meet with the church at Kenly, Johnston county, Friday after the 4th Sunday in Sept., 1896.

On motion of Elder P. T. Lucas, Elder Lunda Lee preach the Introductory sermon.

On motion of J. P. Mozingo, Elder R. C. Jackson be his alternate.

On motion of Elder R. C. Jackson, thanks be extended to this community for the liberal manner in which they have entertained this Conference.

On motion of J. V. Barefoot, Conference close to meet with the church at Kenly on Friday after the 4th Sunday in Sept., 1896.

Conference closed with praise and prayer by Elder P. T. Lucas.

H. W. JERNIGAN, Mod., *pro tem*.

R. C. JACKSON, Ass't.

E. T. PHILLIPS, Sec.

J. F. JACKSON, Ass't.



## RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

Thursday night—E. T. Phillips preached—Text: 2 Cor. 12th chapter, 9th verse. "And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

Friday evening 3 o'clock—W. L. Godwin preached—Text: Romans 5th chapter, 18th verse. "Therefore, as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one, the free gift came upon all men, unto justification of life".

Friday night—R. C. Jackson preached—Text: Matt. 25th chapter, 10 verse. "And they that were ready, went in with him to the marriage, and the door was shut."

Saturday morning 11 o'clock—J. M. Barfield preached—Text: 1 Cor. 13th chapter, 13th verse. "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity."

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

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

## CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This body shall be known as the "Original Free Will Baptist General Union Conference."

Article 2. The object of this Conference shall be to promote Christ's kingdom among men, by means in strict conformity to the Holy Scriptures, in our co-operation together in having the doctrine of Christ preached for the salvation of souls.

Article 3. The officers of this body shall be a Moderator, Treasurer, Corresponding and Recording Secretary, who shall be elected for a term of two years, who shall hold their office until their successors are elected, which election shall take place one year previous to their entering upon the duties of their office.

Article 4. This Conference shall be composed of the ministers who are members of churches belonging to the body, and of delegates from these churches, each church being entitled to one delegate.

Article 5. The delegate from each church, shall bear to the Conference, a letter certifying his appointment, showing the amount of contribution raised for benevolent purposes during the year, and total number of members, and nothing more.

Article 6. This Conference may, at each regular meeting, elect as many boards of standing committees as may be necessary in carrying out its benevolent purposes. These shall keep a record of their proceedings and make a report at each regular meeting of this Conference.



Article 7. Any minister, conference or church, desiring to become a member of this body shall present his or her petition at a regular session of Conference through delegates appointed for that purpose. If he or she be received, the Moderator shall extend to her delegate, the right hand of fellowship.

Article 8. The Moderator may extend to visiting brethren all the privileges of the body save that of voting.

Article 9. Each annual Conference is a distinct and independent organization with full authority to manage its own internal affairs, elect its own officers, etc.

Article 10. This Constitution may be amended at any regular session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE.				
CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	DELEGATES.	No. MEMBERS.	CONTRIBUTION.
Prospect.....	Harnett.....	C. L. Avery.....	1 10	\$ 75
Hodges Chapel...	"	J. V. Barefoot...	1 68	50
Pleasant Grove..	"	"	"	"
Long Branch.....	Cumberla'd	W. M. Pope.....	1 38	40
Shady Grove.....	Sampson....	J. F. Jackson....	3 13	1 00
Colyer's Chapel.	Cumberln'd	D. J. Lucas.....	74	1 00
Stoney Run.....	Sampson....	H. W. Jernigan	1 43	50
New Hope.....	Johnston....	By Letter.....	80	50
Johnson's Union	"	"	84	"
St. Mary's Gro'e	"	"	32	"
Johnson's Chap'l	"	J. D. Stephens...	59	75
Union Springs...	"	"	33	"
Mt. Pleasant.....	Wake.....	"	56	"
Wood's Grove...	Wayne,.....	J. L. Aulphin....	92	1 00
Casey's Chapel..	"	R. Garriss.....	73	1 00
New Chapel.....	Johnston....	"	"	"
Bethel.....	"	"	80	"
Anderson's Cre'k	Harnett.....	"	29	"
Hopewell.....	Johnston....	E. E. Parker....	39	75
Dunn.....	Harnett.....	I. W. Taylor.....	64	1 45
Lee's Chapel.....	Sampson....	C. A. Jackson...	76	25
Beasley Grove...	Johnston....	"	44	"
Lee's Grove.....	Harnett.....	By Pastor.....	23	25
WESTERN CONFERENCE.				
Pleasant Grove..	Wayne. ....	J. E. Davis.....	1 68	50
Stoney Hill.....	"	J. T. Crumpler..	49	25
Spring Hill.....	"	"	35	"
Union Grove.....	"	J. J. Morris.....	1 09	1 00
M. T. Chapel.....	"	"	19	"
Sampson Roads	"	"	11	"
Rocky Spring....	"	"	41	"
Little Rock.....	Wilson.....	Eld. P. T. Lucas	1 08	50
Marsh Swamp...	"	John Ricks.....	1 04	50
Jerusalem.....	"	"	13	"
St. Mary.....	"	C. E. Howell....	1 08	50
Red Oak Grove..	"	R. E. Wilson.....	39	25
Lamb's S. H.....	"	"	33	"
New Sandy Hill	"	"	11	"
People's Chapel.	"	"	30	"
Holly Springs...	Johnston....	"	74	"
Pine Level.....	"	"	1 73	"
Stancill's Chapel	"	"	87	"
Rain's X Roads.	"	M. Radford.....	1 71	50
Pleasant Plain...	"	"	32	"
T. Chapel.....	"	"	23	"
Branch Chapel...	"	"	37	"
Friendship.....	"	"	28	"



## STATISTICAL TABLE CONTINUED.

Kenly.....	Johnston....	A. C. Crumpler	64	50
Good Hope.....			9	
Archer Lodge.....			14	
Princeton.....	"		29	
Rock Spring.....	Wake .....		36	
Level Grove.....	"		43	
Asbury.....	"		16	
Pleasant Union..	"		9	
New Light.....	"		25	
New Hope.....	Chatham...		34	
Free Union.....	Nash .....		52	
Flood's Chapel..	"		44	
Stony Hill.....	"		85	
Barne's Hill.....	"		63	
White Oak Hill..	"		48	
Pleasant Union..	"		35	
Coco Creek.....	"		28	
Rocky Chapel....	"		25	
Union Hill.....	"		8	
St's. Delight.....	Franklin ....		93	
Union Hope.....	"		30	
Christian Hope..	Warren .....		22	
EASTERN CONFERENCE.				
Fort Run.....	Greene.....	Wm. Gurganus.	56	50
			23,91	\$ 15,10.

## LIST OF MINISTERS.

## WESTERN CONFERENCE.

1	D. Davis,	-	-	Pikeville,	N. C.
2	Ray Phillips,	-	-	Pine Level,	"
3	T. J. D. Pate,	-	-	Apex,	"
4	C. R. Pearce,	-	-	Princeton,	"
5	J. H. Sasser,	-	-	"	"
6	J. H. Worley,	-	-	Pine Level,	"
7	C. C. Mills,	-	-	Apex,	"
8	J. W. Valentine,	-	-	Stallings,	"
9	T. H. Matthews,	-	-	Nashville,	"
10	W. M. Lovett,	-	-	Princeton,	"
11	P. T. Lucas,	-	-	Lucama,	"
12	J. P. Mozingo,	-	-	Pikeville,	"
13	J. R. Davis,	-	-	Goldsboro,	"
14	G. W. Davis,	-	-	Pikeville,	"
15	J. R. Watson,	-	-	Kenly,	"
16	B. H. Boykin,	-	-	Wilson,	"
17	L. T. Phillips,	-	-	Greenleaf,	"
18	W. T. Johnson,	-	-	Walter,	"
19	L. M. Mitchell,	-	-	Princeton,	"
20	E. T. Phillips,	-	-	Taylor,	"
21	J. W. Cox,	-	-	Method,	"
22	R. H. Thompson,	-	-	Wise,	"
23	B. W. Tippet,	-	-	Earpboro,	"
24	Sidney Harris,	-	-	Black Creek,	"
25	J. L. Strickland,	-	-	Spring Hope,	"

## CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE.

1	S. B. Thain,	-	-	Glenmore,	"
2	Robert Strckland,	-	-	"	"
3	J. F. Hill,	-	-	Goldsboro,	"
4	Lunda Lee,	-	-	Dunn,	"
5	J. E. Smith,	-	-	Myatt's Mills,	"
6	J. P. Ogburn,	-	-	"	"
7	Keynieth Revnor,	-	-	Little River Academy,	"
8	J. S. Ellis,	-	-	Clayton,	"
9	Wm. Harris,	-	-	Dunn,	"



## LIST OF MINISTERS.

10	W. L. Godwin,	-	-	Bass, N C.	
11	R. C. Jackson,	-	-	Giles' Miles,	"
12	J. A. Hodges,	-	-	Benson,	"
13	J. W. Moore,	-	-	Four Oakes,	"
14	W. B. Hare,	-	-	Manchester,	"
15	J. L. Ennis,	-	-		
16	Henry Tripp,	-	-		
17	William Byrd,	-	-		

## EASTERN CONFERENCE.

1	J. M. Barfield,	-	-	Ayden,	"
2	T. F. Harrison,	-	-	Plymouth,	"
3	T. H. Harrison,	-	-	Plymouth,	"