

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
KENLY, JOHNSTON COUNTY, N. C.,
OCTOBER 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 1896.

AYDEN, N. C.,
FREE WILL BAPTIST JOB PRINTING HOUSE,
1896.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE MINISTERS' 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 Kenly, Johnston county, N. C., October 1st, 1896.

Eld. J. F. Hill, who was appointed to preach the introductory sermon at the last ministers' meeting, attended and preached—Text: 2 Timothy 4:2. "Preach the word."

On motion, Eld. P. T. Lucas was elected President, and Eld. E. T. Phillips Secretary.

On motion of Eld. R. C. Jackson, a committee of two be appointed by the President on Devotional Exercises. President appointed Elder J. R. Watson and H. W. Jernigan. Prayer was offered by Eld. J. H. Sasser.

The following ministers were enrolled:

WESTERN CONFERENCE.

D. Davis, J. H. Sasser, P. T. Lucas, E. T. Phillips.

CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE,

R. C. Jackson, J. F. Hill.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

J. M. Barfield, T. F. Harrison.

On motion of Eld. R. C. Jackson, a committee be appointed to write an obituary of Eld. J. P. Mazingo to appear in the minutes of this meeting.

The President appointed Elders J. H. Sasser, D. Davis, T. F. Harrison.

On motion of Eld. D. Davis, the name of Eld. L. M. Mitchell be enrolled as a member of this meeting.

On motion of Eld. D. Davis, the name of W. R. Overman be enrolled as a licentiate.

On motion of Eld. D. Davis, the name of C. A. Jackson, a licentiate, be enrolled.

On motion of Eld. L. M. Mitchell, the name of Eld. J. R. Watson be enrolled.

The Devotional committee report—Eld. T. F. Harrison preach to-night at 7:30 o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING, 10 o'clock,

Ministers' meeting opened with prayer by Eld. E. T. Phillips.

The committee that was appointed at the last ministers' meeting to draft a form of ceremonies for administering Baptism, Communion services and questioning applicants for admission to the church, report that they deem it unnecessary to have a set of forms.

On motion of Eld. D. Davis, the report of the committee as to forms, be received and the committee be discharged.

On motion of Eld. T. F. Harrison, the question of questioning applicants for admission into the church, be discussed.

The question was disposed of by Elders D. Davis, P. T. Lucas, R. C. Jackson, T. F. Harrison and E. T. Phillips.

On motion of Eld. D. Davis, we extend the time of the ministers' meeting twenty minutes to discuss the subject of laying on of hands. All the ministers present seemed to be highly in favor of this primitive custom being followed.

On motion of Eld. T. F. Harrison, Eld. P. T. Lucas preach the introductory sermon at the next ministers' meeting, and Eld. E. T. Phillips

be his alternate.

On motion of Eld. D. Davis, the ministers' meeting close. Prayer by Eld. R. C. Jackson.
P. T. Lucas, Pres.,
E. T. Phillips, Sec.

OBITUARY.

Our worthy and highly esteemed Brother, Eld. J. P. Mozingo, departed this life the third Lord's day in September, 1896. We extend our heartfelt and deepest sympathy to his devoted and bereaved wife and children. Brother Mozingo was a devoted and faithful servant of God until death. A model preacher, a living epistle, known and read of all men. To know him was to love him. But he has fallen asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep. We feel to bless God that our loss of such a man is his eternal gain.

T. F. Harrison,
D. Davis,
J. H. Sasser.

CONSTITUTION OF THE MINISTERS' MEETING.

Article 1. A ministers' 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 ministers' meeting each year.

Art. 3. The minister who preaches the introductory shall preside over said meeting until a resident 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 "Ministers' 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. The 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 Ministers' 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 Kenly, Johnston county, N. C. Oct. 2nd, 1896.

Eld. Lunda Lee, who was appointed to preach the introductory sermon, not being present, it was preached by Eld. R. C. Jackson his alternate—Text Matt. 22:42. "What think ye of Christ."

On motion of Eld. D. Davis, Eld. R. C. Jackson be Moderator pro tem for this Conference. Prayer was offered by Eld. P. T. Lucas.

The following were enrolled:

Officers—E. T. Phillips Sec., A. Muns Treasurer.

Ministers from the Cape Fear Conference—R. C. Jackson, C. A. Jackson.

Western—D. Davis, P. T. Lucas, L. T. Phillips, E. T. Phillips, J. R. Watson, L. M. Mitchell.

Eastern—J. M. Barfield, T. F. Harrison, R. H. Holland.

For churches and delegates from the different Conferences, see statistical table.

On motion of Eld. D. Davis, Eld. R. H. Holland of the Eastern Conference, be received as a member of this body.

On motion of Eld. D. Davis, Macedonia church, Craven Co., Bethany and Spring Branch churches, Pitt Co., be enrolled on the list of churches.

On motion of H. W. Jernigan, owing to the death of Eld. J. P. Mazingo, Eld. T. F. Harrison be appointed to fill the vacancy on the standing committee of obituaries.

The following committees were appointed:
On Devotional Exercises—Eld. J. R. Watson,
W. T. Kirby and H. W. Jernigan.

On Finance—Eld. C. A. Jackson, G. F. Wood-
ard and Wm. Winborn.

Standing Committee on Obituaries—Bros. J. F.
Jackson, J. D. Stevens, and Eld. T. F. Harrison.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Committee on Devotional Exercises report—
Elders J. M. Barfield open, and C. A. Jackson
preach to night; Saturday morning at 11 o'clock
J. M. Barfield open, and E. T. Phillips preach;
Saturday night, L. T. Phillips preach; Sunday
11 o'clock, R. A. Jackson preach.

Finance Committee submit the following re-
port—Received from the churches as a minute
fund, \$15,20, the same has been placed in the
hands of the Treasurer.

Committee on Obituaries report the death of
Eld. J. P. Mazingo. See obituary in report of
ministers' meeting.

Treasurers report—I, the Treasurer of your
body, beg lief to submit the following report:
Funds on hand from last year, \$10,56; collected
this year, \$15,40; total \$25,96. A. Muns—Treas.

Committee on Discipline submit the following
report—According to previous arrangements, we
met in Kenly, on Wednesday Sept. 30, 1896.
The body was organized by electing Eld. D. Da-
vis Chairman, H. W. Jernigan Secretary, Pray-
er by Eld. D. Davis. The following resolution
by Eld. J. M. Barfield was adopted.

Resolved, That this committee requests the
different Conferences to continue said commit-

tees, or fill any vacancy caused by resignation
or death, and that said committee be requested
to meet at Spring Branch church, near Ayden, N.
C. on Wednesday after the 4th Sunday in Sept.
1897, being the day before the ministers' meet-
ing at the same place.

D. Davis, P. T. Lucas, E. T. Phillips, R. C.
Jackson, H. W. Jernigan, J. F. Hill, J. M. Bar-
field: Committee present.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

Resolved, That every member of this body be
fined ten cents that leaves the house without the
consent of the Moderator.—T. F. Harrison, J. F.
Jackson.

RESOLUTION BY J. F. JACKSON.

Resolved, That 9, 10 and 11 of the Order of Bus-
iness be changed to 10, 11 and 12 respectfully, and
insert for number 9, Reports from Committees.

After reports and resolutions were received, Con-
ference adjourned until 9 o'clock Saturday morning.
Prayer and doxology by Eld. T. F. Harrison.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Conference opened by Scripture reading and
prayer by H. W. Jernigan.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Eld. T. F. Harrison spoke of the great importance
of the Union Conference.

The following officers were elected for two years:
H. W. Jernigan—Moderator; A. Muns—Treasur-
er; E. T. Phillips—Secretary.

Petitions for the next Union Conference were
taken up from Spring Branch and Bethany, Pitt. Co.

On motion of W. T. Kirby, the next Union Con-
ference meet with the church at Spring Branch,

On motion of Eld. T. F. Harrison, Eld. E. T. Phillips preach the introductory sermon and Eld. R. C. Jackson be his alternate.

On motion of Eld. T. F. Harrison, the Secretary prepare the minutes for the press and distribute the same and that he be allowed \$5.00 for his services, also that he be empowered to draw on the Treasury for all necessary expenses.

On motion of Eld. T. F. Harrison, we have seven hundred minutes printed, send one hundred to the Eastern Conference, one hundred to the Central Conference, and the remainder be distributed between the Western and Cape Fear Conferences.

On motion of H. W. Jernigan, thanks be extended to the people of Kenly and surrounding country for the liberal manner in which they have entertained this Conference.

On motion of Eld. T. F. Harrison, this Union Conference close to meet with the church at Spring Branch, near Ayden, on Friday after the fourth Sunday in September, 1897. Praise and prayer by Eld. J. M. Barfield.

R. C. JACKSON—Moderator,
E. T. PHILLIPS—Secretary.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

Thursday night—T. F. Harrison preached—Text: John 14: 3. "I will come again."

Friday night—C. A. Jackson preached—Text: John 8: 6 "Wilt thou be made whole?"

Saturday 11 o'clock—E. T. Phillips preached—Text: Ps. 92. 13. "He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon."

Saturday night—L. T. Phillips preached—Text: Heb. 13: 12. "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate."

Sunday 11 o'clock—R. C. Jackson preached—Text: John 1: 3. "All things were made by Him: and without Him was not any thing made that was made." Rev. J. A. McMurray followed—Text: Matt. 5: 20. "For I say unto you, that except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven."

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 churches.
8. Reports from Committees.
9. Resolutions.
10. Miscellaneous business.
11. Adjournment.

CONSTITUTION.

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

Art. 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.

Art. 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.

Art. 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.

Art. 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.

Art. 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.

Art. 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.

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

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

Art. 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.....	By letter.....	128	\$ 50
Hodges Chapel..	"	Not represent'd.....	168	
Pleasant Grove..	"	D Faircloth.....	103	50
Long Branch.....	Cumberl'd.....	not represented.....	138	
Shady Grove.....	Sampson.....	W B Dudley.....	413	2 10
Golic's Chapel..	Cumberl'd.....	not represented.....	74	
Stony Run.....	Sampson.....	H W Fernigan.....	190	50
New Hope.....	Johnston.....	not represented.....	80	
Johnson's Union	"	"	84	
St. Mary's Grove	"	"	32	
Johnson's Chapel	"	"	59	
Union Springs..	"	"	33	
Mt. Pleasant.....	Wake.....	"	56	
Woods Grove.....	Wayne.....	J L Aulphin.....	112	75
Casey's Chapel..	"	E E Long.....	82	50
New Chapel.....	Johnston.....	"		
Bethel.....	"	"	80	
Anderson's Creek	Harnett.....	"	29	
Hopewell.....	Johnston.....	D A Johnson.....	40	75
Duun.....	Harnett.....	By letter.....	90	60
Lee's Chapel.....	Sampson.....	C A Jackson.....	77	50
Beasley Grove...	Johnston.....	not represented.....	44	
Lee's Grove.....	Harnett.....	"	23	

WESTERN.

Pleasant Grove..	Wayne.....	E B Overman.....	203	50
Stony Hill.....	"	not represented.....	49	
Spring Hill.....	"	"	35	
Union Grove.....	"	G F Woodard.....	125	50
M. T. Chapel.....	"	not represented.....	19	
Rocky Spring.....	"	"	41	
Little Rock.....	Wilson.....	Willis Holland.....	108	1 00
Marsh Swamp..	"	Wm Winborn.....	120	50
Jeru-alem.....	"	B W Atkinson.....	13	25
St. Mary.....	"	G W Watson.....	108	50
Red Oak Grove..	"	R Boykin.....	33	25
New Sandy Hill.	"	not represented.....	11	
People's Chapel.	"	R Winstead.....	38	75
Holly Springs...	Johnston.....	By letter.....	69	25
Pine Level.....	"	not represented.....	173	
Stancil's Chapel.	"	J H Hare.....	70	25
Rain's X Roads.	"	O P Rose.....	158	50
Pleasant Plain...	"	not represented.....	32	

STATISTICAL TABLE CONTINUED.

T. Chapel.....	"	"	33	
Branch Chapel...	"	"	28	
Friendship.....	"	"	27	
Kenly.....	W T Kirby.....	"	71	25
Good Hope.....	not represented	"	9	
Archer Lodge.....	"	"	14	
Princeton.....	"	"	29	
Rock Spring.....	"	Wake.....	36	
Level Grove.....	"	"	43	
Asbury.....	"	"	16	
Pleasant Union..	"	"	9	
Free Union.....	"	"	28	
Cool Springs.....	"	"	39	
New Hope.....	"	Chatham.....	34	
Free Union.....	"	Nash.....	52	
Flood's Chapel..	"	"	44	
Stony Hill.....	By letter.....	"	78	50
Barnes' Hill.....	not represented	"	63	
White Oak Hill..	"	"	48	
Pleasant Union..	"	"	35	
Coco Creek.....	"	"	28	
Rocky Chapel.....	"	"	25	
Union Hill.....	"	"	8	
St's Delight.....	"	Franklin.....	33	
Union Hope.....	"	"	30	
Christian Hope..	"	Warren.....	22	
Milbourne.....	D J Davis.....	Wilson.....	40	

EASTERN.

Bethany.....	T F Harrison..	Pitt.....	120	1 50
Spring Branch...	J M Barfield...	"	170	1 00
Macedonia.....	T F Harrison..	Craven.....	90	75
Fort Run.....	not represented	Greene.....	56	

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. R. Davis,	-	Goldsboro, "
13.	G. W. Davis,	-	Eureka, "
14.	J. R. Wasson,	-	Kenly, "
15.	B. H. Boykin,	-	Wilson, "
16.	L. T. Phillips,	-	Greenleaf, "
17.	W. T. Johnson,	-	Walter, "
18.	L. M. Mitchell,	-	Princeton, "
19.	E. T. Phillips,	-	New Light, "
20.	J. W. Cox,	-	Method, "
21.	B. W. Tippet,	-	Eagle Rock, "
22.	Sidney Harris,	-	Black Creek, "
23.	J. L. Strickland,	-	Spring Hope, "
24.	J. R. Morris,	-	Taylor, "
25.	W. F. Anderson,	-	Eagle Rock, "
26.	A. R. Flowers,	-	Taylor, "
27.	W. A. Benson,	-	Walter, "
28.	B. B. Deans,	-	Finch, "
29.	F. M. Hinton,	-	Hare's Store, "

LIST OF MINISTERS CONTINUED.

LICENSED MINISTERS.

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| 1 | H H Gillum, | - - | Cedar Rock, " |
| 2 | W F Rowe, | - - - | Boyett, " |
| 3 | W H Collins, | - - - | Stallings, " |
| 4 | W B Overman, | - - - | Bagley, " |
| 5 | B A Ellis, | - - - | Merry Oak, " |
| 6 | Wm Broughton, | - - - | Method, " |

CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE.

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| 1 | S B Thain, | - - | Glenmore, NC |
| 2 | R Strickland | - - | " " |
| 3 | J F Hill, | - - | Goldsboro, " |
| 4 | Lunda Lee, | - - | Dunn, " |
| 5 | J E Smith, | - - | Myatts Mills, " |
| 6 | K. Reynor, | - - | Little River Academy, " |
| 7 | J S Ellis, | - - | Clayton, " |
| 8 | W L Godwin, | - - | Bass, " |
| 9 | R. C. Jackson, | - - | Giles Mills, " |
| 10 | J. A. Hodges, | - - | Benson, " |
| 11 | J W Moore, | - - | Four Oaks, " |
| 12 | W B Hare, | - - | Manchester, " |
| 13 | Henry Tripp, | - - | " " |
| 14 | Wm Byrd, | - - | " " |
| 15 | D Faircloth, | - - | " " |
| 16 | C A Jackson, | - - | " " |

EASTERN CONFERENCE.

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|---|---------------|-----|----------|
| 1 | J M Barfield, | - - | Ayden, " |
| 2 | T F Harrison, | - - | Ayden, " |