

MINUTES
OF THE
TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
❧ SAINT ANNAH ❧
FREE WILL BAPTIST CONFERENCE
HELD WITH
MACEDONIA CHURCH, HOKE CO., N. C.,
November 17th, 18th and 19th, 1927

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HISTORICAL.

The St. Annah Free Will Baptist Conference is an off-shoot of the Mount Moriah Conference. It was organized in the year 1898. And since then it has convened with the churches. This same said conference was organized in the Old St. Annah church, and since that time it has had many conferences and unions. Satan has tried to inject poisonous doctrines in the ranks, but he has ever and anon met with defeat.

The Conference still stands upon its original doctrines of justification by faith, sanctification, baptism of the Holy Spirit, divine healing, and the second coming of Jesus. Through its work the Gospel has been preached in many places, and many have received the experiences named. They are a band of happy saints, dead to the world and rejoicing in the Lord.

PROCEEDINGS.

First Topic. We, the full body of the St. Annah Free Will Baptist have met at Macedonia Church in Hoke County, N. C., to hold another annual session on the 17, 18, 19th of November, 1927.

Second Topic. The place was filled in the stand and the introductory sermon was preached by Elder F. W. Graham. Text: The fifth chapter of Thessalonians.

Third Topic. The house was declared in order for business. Elder F. W. Graham was elected moderator for this Conference. He filled his place.

Fourth Topic. By motion we granted the visiting brethren a seat and a voice in this conference, to speak on the right thing to help the conference.

Fifth Topic. By motion the preachers names were enrolled as follows: Elders J. A. Maynor, F. W. Graham, M. B. Emanuel, S. S. Jones, Jim Johnson, H. B. Tadlock, W. M. Johnson, H. B. Bulard.

Licentiates:—Revs. W. A. Chavis, T. F. Sweet, H. K. Calder.

Sixth Topic.—By motion we now enroll the churches in full:

1. St. Annah; 2. White Hill; 3. Little Zion; 4. Lelers Grove; 5. Hickory Hill; 6. Bethlehem; 7. Holly Grove; 8. Macedonia; 9. Sycamore Hill; 10. Mt. Ellen; 11. Shady Grove; 12. Antioch; 13. Pleasant Grove; 14. Mt. Hebron; 15. Union Tabernacle.

By motion we will receive the roll with proper corrections.

Seventh Topic.—By motion we enroll the delegates from different churches: Bros. B. J. Oxendine, Collen Brooks, Roy Oxendine, James Tadlock, Neil Hunt, J. D. Welton, James Calder, Julius Simmons, William Locklear, Willie Chavis, D. D. Revels, Johny Stricklin, Hassie Jones, Hector Locklear, C. C. Scott. One was absent.

Eighth Topic. By motion all the preachers will be excused from last union that were not present.

By motion we elect Bro. W. F. Oxendine for clerk.

By motion we receive the calling of all the work and enrolling business that's tabled above in full.

Ninth Topic. By motion the moderator be empowered to appoint all the committees by names. They were appointed as follows:

Devotional.—Bros. William Locklear, Collen Brooks, Jim Calder.

Temperance.—Elders H. B. Bulard, M. B. Emanuel, H. B. Tadlock.

Literature.—Elder J. A. Maynor, Rev. W. A. Chavis, Elder Jim Johnson.

These committees were all accepted in this conference to work and they did so.

Tenth Topic. By motion the devotional committee go out and bring in their report. By motion we have the reports of the committees.

The devotional committee reports that Bro. H. K. Calder will close for dinner at 12:30, and Bro. H. H. Pearce will open up at 1:30 P. M.

Eleventh Topic. By motion we receive the new church, Union Tabernacle, about six miles west of Lumberton, N. C.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION.

Twelfth Topic. By motion we will have the calling of the roll of absentees noted. We also received the roll.

Thirteenth Topic. By motion the letters and contributions from all the churches be called for and place on the table.

Finance committee comes to the table to look after the money. Churches contributed as follows:

1. St. Annah -----	\$17.00	\$ 4.25	\$ 1.00
2. White Hill -----	8.40	2.10	1.00
3. Little Zion -----	2.40	.60	1.00
4. Lelers Grove -----	2.60	.65	1.00
5. Hickory Hill -----	3.00	.75	1.00
6. Bethlehem -----	3.40	.85	1.00
7. Holly Grove -----	5.20	1.30	1.00
8. Macedonia -----	4.35	2.00	1.00
9. Sycamore Hill -----	5.80	1.40	1.00
10. Mt. Ellen -----	3.60	.90	1.00
11. Shady Grove -----	1.80	.45	1.00
12. Antioch -----	7.00	1.75	1.00
13. Pleasant Grove -----	-----	-----	-----
14. Mt. Hebron -----	6.40	1.60	1.00
15. Union Tabernacle -----	3.00	.75	1.00

\$73.85 | \$19.35 | \$14.00

Total amount \$107.10.

We find in the hands of the treasurer on the 18, am mam mam mamfw
We find in Treasury November 18, 1927 ----- \$345.18
Received at this conference ----- 135.30

Total receipts ----- \$480.48
Amount paid out ----- 31.00

In the hands of treasurer ----- \$449.48

Fourteenth Topic. By motion we pay our clerk \$15.00; we also give

Bro. M. B. Emanuel \$5.00. We pay the conference \$1.00 for sacramental wine. We also send \$10.00 to the Orphanage Home of the Free Will Baptist at Middlesex, N. C.

Fifteenth Topic. The devotional committee were asked to report.

The committee reports that Bros. Jim Johnson will close at 3:30, Bro. Johnny Chavis will open tomorrow at 9:30 on Friday morning business session.

Sixteenth Topic. The moderator declared the house ready for business.

By motion we hear the calling of the roll of preachers and delegates.

Seventeenth Topic. By motion the minutes of yesterday were read and received with proper corrections.

Eighteenth Topic. By motion we call for the balance of church letters and contributions to come forward to the table. It was brought to the table and put into the hands of the committees. They turned the balance in their hands over into the hands of the treasurer. Bro. B. J. Oxendine, who will remain treasurer for 1928.

Nineteenth Topic. By motion the money that was in the hands of Bro. Hector Locklear would be counted over. It was found correct. He was released at the present time.

Twentieth Topic. The devotional committee was asked to go out and bring in their report. By motion the funds received be turned over into the hands of the treasurer and the finance committee be discharged.

By motion we will hear the report of the devotional committee. They report that Bro. H. B. Bulard will close at 11:45 and Bro. H. B. Tadlock will preach at 11:55. Bro. C. C. Scott will open in the afternoon at 1:45.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON BUSINESS.

By motion we hear the calling of the roll of absentees. By motion we receive the calling of the roll.

By motion the preachers will pay their fees to keep up their financial parts and make the conference balance, and they stand fair with the conference. Then the conference is to help the aged preachers who are on the retired list.

By motion the devotional committee report.

By motion we have the reports of the night's service. They report that Johnny Stricklin will close at 4 o'clock and Bro. H. K. Calder will open tonight at 7 o'clock. Bro. S. S. Jones will preach, and Bro. W. A. Chavis will open up tomorrow at 9:30.

By motion the union fees will remain. Each member pays 5c union fees, each member pays nothing; mission fees, each delegate 75c, preachers' fees \$1.00. Annual conference fees: each member's fees 20c, for conference, mission fees 5c, delegates fees, \$1.00; elders \$3.50 each, licentiates \$2.50 each. All the churches are to bear the assistant preachers' expenses to and from the conference. Closed at 4 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING BUSINESS SESSION.

The moderator declared the house ready for business. By motion we

have the calling of the roll of absentees noted. The roll was received. The minutes of yesterday were read and received.

By motion the investigating committee of the St. Annah conference will remain. Three of them are, Bro. J. A. Maynor, adviser; Bro. F. W. Graham, Chairman; Bro. W. F. Oxendine, secretary.

By motion the different preachers be placed to the different churches. By motion Bros. Julius Simon, Neil Hunt, W. M. Johnson, be excused for being late.

Assignment of Preachers.

Elder J. A. Maynor pastors St. Annah, Bethlehem, Macedonia, and Shady Grove churches.

Elder F. W. Graham is to pastor White Hill and Holly Grove churches.

Elder H. B. Tadlock is to pastor Little Zion, Hickory Hill, Pleasant Grove, and Mt. Hebron churches.

Rev. H. K. Calder is to pastor Lelers Grove, and Mt. Ellen churches.

Elder W. M. Johnson pastors Sycamore Hill church.

Elder H. B. Bulard pastors Antioch church.

Elder Jim Johnson pastors Union Tabernacle church.

By motion the Literature Committee report.

Report of Committee.

We do say that we should use the Word of God for our meat and drink, for the Word is truth. The St. Annah Conference and Sunday Schools should be supplied with literature from the Free Will Baptist Press, of Ayden, N. C., which is composed from the Word of God.

ELD. J. A. MAYNOR,

ELD. W. A. CHAVIS,

ELD. JIM JOHNSON,

Committee.

Report of Temperance Committee.

Dear Moderator and Brethren:—We, your committee are glad to make our report to this beloved conference. We do say that we should be temperate in all things. We should abstain from all intoxicating drinks, and also abstain from all evil, and do all we can against the great drink evil. We find in the Word of God, that wine is a mocker, and strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

ELD. M. B. EMANUEL, Chairman.

REPORTS OF MINISTERS.

Elder W. M. Johnson, Raynham, N. C., Route 1.—Sermons 36, professions 1, members received 0, baptized 0, funerals preached 1, visits to the sick 25, gave the sick \$20.00, visits to Sunday Schools 26, visits to union 3, gave for support of Gospel \$1.55, received \$28.29, expense \$35.33, miles travelled 1185.

Elder M. B. Emanuel, Buie, N. C.—Sermons 30, professions 0, members received 0, baptized 0, funerals preached 2, visits to the sick 10, gave to sick \$1.00, visits to Sunday Schools 8, visits to union 3, gave for support of

the Gospel \$1.00, miles travelled 1000, received \$30.00, expense \$15.62.

Elder S. S. Jones, Maxton, N. C.—Sermons preached 22, professions 0, members received 0, baptized 0, funerals preached 0, visits to the sick 8, gave to the sick \$1.50, visits to Sunday School 0, visits to the union 2, gave for support of Gospel \$1.00, miles travelled 275, received \$35.00, expense \$15.00.

Elder H. B. Tadlock, Little Rock, S. C., Route 1.—Sermons 95, professions 65, members received 67, baptized 32, funerals preached 4, visits to the sick 5, gave to the sick 50, visits to Sunday Schools 20, visits to the union 4, gave for support of Gospel 50c, miles travelled 1158, received \$245.75, expense \$171.92.

Elder W. A. Chavis, Red Springs, N. C., Route 4.—Sermons 18, professions, don't know, members received 0, baptized 0, funerals preached 0, visits to the sick 10, gave to the sick \$2.80, visits to Sunday Schools 6, visit to unions 4, gave for support of the Gospel 0, miles travelled 800, received \$6.95, expense \$3.00.

Elder H. B. Bulard, Maxton, N. C., Route 5.—Sermons 50, professions 0, members received 13, baptized 5, funerals preached 0, visits to the sick 20, gave to the sick (don't know), visits to Sunday Schools 10, visits to union, gave for support of Gospel \$7.00, miles travelled 400, received \$40.00, expense \$35.00.

Elder F. W. Graham, Pembroke, N. C., Route 1.—Sermons preached 62, professions, (don't know), members received, (don't know), baptized 17, funerals preached 2, visits to the sick, unknown, visits to Sunday Schools 48, visits to the unions 3, gave for support of Gospel 0, miles travelled 1770, received \$227.07, expenses \$89.64.

Elder J. A. Maynor, Clio, S. C.—Sermons preached 92, professions 57, members received 42, baptized 23, funerals preached 45, visits to the sick 18, gave to the sick \$16.05, visits to Sunday Schools 42, visits to unions 2, gave for support of the Gospel \$28.50, miles travelled 6129, received \$360.10, expense \$326.90.

Elder James Johnson, Lumberton, N. C., Route 5.—Sermons preached 40, professions 15, members received 33, baptized 15, funerals preached 0, visits to the sick 0, gave to the sick 0, visits to Sunday School 40, visits to union 0, gave for support of the Gospel \$1.00, miles travelled 600, received \$5.00, expense \$3.00.

REPORTS FROM THE CHURCHES.

1. St. Annah Church, Pembroke, N. C., Robeson County.—Delegate, Bro. B. J. Oxendine. Contribution \$17.00, for missions \$4.25, members received 19, dismissed 0, expelled 0, baptized 18, died 2, total number of members 93, paid pastor \$111.25, gave the sick \$24.00, valuation of church property \$5000. Eld. J. A. Maynor, pastor, and also for the next year. We are to pay him \$125.00 next year. Delegates fees \$1.00. Bro. Hubert Oxendine, Clerk.

2. Little Zion Church, Maxton, N. C., Route 3, Robeson County—Delegate, Roy Oxendine. Contribution \$2.40, for missions 60c, members received 14, dismissed 0, expelled 0, baptized 8, died 0, total number of members 12,

paid pastor \$40.00, gave the sick 0, valuation of church property \$1000. Pastor, Elder H. B. Tadlock, Mary N. Lowery, Clerk.

3. White Hill Church, Maxton, N. C., Route 5, Robeson County.—Delegate, Bro. Collen Brooks. Contribution \$8.40, for missions \$2.10, members received 9, dismissed 0, excluded 3, baptized 6, died 0, total number of members 42, paid pastor \$56.00, gave to the sick \$28.30, delegate fees \$1.00, value of church property \$2000.00, Elder F. W. Graham, pastor; salary last year \$144.00, Bro. J. W. McGirt, Clerk.

4. Hickory Hill, Purvis, N. C.—Delegate, Bro. Neil Hunt. Contribution \$3.00, mission fees 75c, members received 15, dismissed 0, expelled 0, baptized 2, died 1, total number of members 15, paid pastor \$60.00, gave the sick \$8.45, value of church property \$700.00, pay pastor next year \$50.00, delegate fees \$1.00. Eld. H. B. Tadlock, pastor, Sister Carrie Bell Johnson, Clerk.

5. Holly Grove Church.—Delegate, Bro. Julius Simmons. Contribution \$5.20, for missions \$1.30, delegate fees \$1.00, members received 2, baptized 1, paid the sick 0, expelled 4, excused 2, paid pastor \$105.50, paid visiting preacher \$8.00, total number of members 26, pay pastor next year \$102.00. Eld. F. W. Graham, pastor, Sister Georgia Faircloth, Clerk.

6. Mount Ellen Church, Clio, S. C.—Delegate, Bro. D. D. Revels. Contribution \$3.60, mission fees 90c, members received 0, dismissed 2, expelled 0, baptized 0, died 0, total number of members 18, paid pastor \$61.00, gave the sick \$17.50, value of church property \$900.00, delegate fees \$1.00. Eld. J. A. Maynor, pastor, Jasper Thompson, Clerk.

7. Sycamore Hill Church, Maxton, N. C.—Delegate, Bro. W. A. Chavis. Contribution \$5.80, mission fee \$1.40, members received 13, dismissed 0, expelled 0, baptized 10, died 0, total number of members 29, paid pastor \$65.57, gave the sick \$3.75, value of church property \$300.00, delegate fees \$1.00. Eld. F. W. Graham, pastor, Willie Chavis, Clerk.

8. Lelers Grove Church, Little Rock, S. C., Route 1, Dillon County.—Delegate, Bro. James Tadlock. Contribution \$2.63, for missions 65c, members received 10, dismissed 8, expelled 0, baptized 2, died 0, total number of members 13, paid pastor \$50.00, gave the sick 0, value of church property \$500.00, delegate fees \$1.00. Eld. H. B. Tadlock, pastor, Catherine Johnson, Clerk.

9. Macedonia Church, Red Springs, N. C., Hoke County.—Delegate, Bro. William Locklear. Contribution \$4.35, for missions \$2.00, members received 13, dismissed 0, expelled 0, baptized 5, died 0, total number of members 29, paid pastor \$26.44, gave the sick 0, value of church property \$1000, delegate fees \$1.00. Eld. H. B. Bulard, pastor, Bro. Rod Locklear, Clerk.

10. Bethlehem Church, Latta, S. C.—Delegate, Bro. Jim Calder. Contribution \$3.40, for missions 85c, members received 5, dismissed 1, expelled 1, baptized 1, died 3, total number of members 17, paid pastor \$75.00, gave the sick \$10.20, value of church property \$2000.00, pay pastor for next year \$75.00, delegate fees 1.00. Eld. J. A. Maynor, pastor, Bro. Jim Calder, Clerk.

11. Shady Grove, Maxton, N. C., Route 3.—Delegate, Bro. Johnny Stricklin. Contribution \$1.80, for missions 45c, members received 2, dismiss-

ed 0, expelled 1, baptized 2, died 0, total number of members 9, paid pastor \$19.51, gave the sick 0, value of church property \$1000, delegate fees \$1.00, pay pastor next year \$50.00. Eld. J. A. Maynor, pastor, Bro. Johnny Stricklin, Clerk.

12. Antioch Church, Dunn, N. C., Harnett County.—Delegate, Bro. Hassie Jones. Contribution \$7.00, for missions \$1.75, members received 10, dismissed 0, expelled 0, baptized 5, died 0, total number members 35, paid pastor \$98.70, gave the sick \$14.43, value of church property \$1000.00, delegate fees \$1.00, pay pastor next year \$120.00. Elder J. A. Maynor, pastor, Sister Annie Brewington, Clerk.

13. Mt. Hebron Church, Maxton, N. C., Route 5.—Delegate, Bro. Hector Locklear. Contribution \$6.40, for missions \$1.60, members received 32, dismissed 0, expelled 0, baptized 18, died 0, total number of members received 32, paid pastor \$21.20, gave the sick \$4.25, value of church property \$150.00, pay pastor next year \$65.00, delegate fees \$1.00. Elder H. B. Tadlock, Pastor, Bro. Ashley Hunt, Clerk.

14. Union Tabernacle Church, Lumberton, N. C., R. F. D.—Delegate, Bro. C. C. Scott. Contribution \$3.00, for missions 75c, members received 15, dismissed 0, expelled 0, baptized 15, died 0, total number of members 15, paid pastor 0, (new church), pay pastor next \$30.00, delegate fees \$1.00. Elder Jim Johnson, Pastor, Sister Nannie Scott, Clerk.

Elders M. B. Emanuel, H. B. Bulard, H. B. Tadlock, committees.

Twenty-eighth Topic. By motion the devotional committee report. They report that Elder H. K. Calder close at 11:45, and Bro. B. J. Oxendine open at 12:45.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

The moderator declared the house ready for business. By motion we have the calling of the roll. The roll was received with proper correction.

By motion the annual conference will be taken up and placed. It was placed at Little Zion in Robeson County, at Raymond, N. C., to be held on the 15, and 17th of November 1928. The introductory to be by———

The next Ministers' Meeting will be at White Hill on Saturday before the first Sunday in March 1928.

By motion the devotional committee report. They report that Bro. Hassie Jones will close at 2:30. Bro. H. B. Tadlock will preach tonight at 7:30, and Bro. J. A. Maynor will preach Sunday at 11 o'clock. Bro. H. B. Tadlock will administer the Lord's Supper.

By motion the clerk will have 250 minutes prited, and also 100 annual conference blanks. The secretary has power to draw the money out of the treasury to have the work done with signature of the other investigating committee.

By motion all unfinished business was left in the hands of the clerk.

By motion we return a vote of thanks to this people at Macedonia for their good care they had for us.

W. F. OXENDINE, Clerk.

Pembroke, N. C., Box 5.

THE UNIONS.

We now take up the unions to be enrolled:

The first union was held at White Hill Church in Robeson County, N. C. It was the 131st union held, on January 29, 1927. The introductory was preached by Eld. H. B. Bulard. Text: St. John 13:35.

The second union was held at Macedonia church, Hoke County, N. C., on May 28, 1927. This was the 132 union. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. H. K. Calder. Text: St. John 14:6.

The third union was held at Sycamore Hill, Scotland County, N. C., July 30, 1927. This was the 133 union. The introductory was preached by Rev. W. A. Chavis.

The fourth union was held at Little Zion Robeson County, N. C., October 29, 1927. This was the 134 union. The introductory was preached by Elder F. W. Graham.

Received in the four unions \$126.50. The expenses were \$22.25. We have a total membership in our conference of 440.

OBITUARIES.

We now enroll the dead who died in the year 1927. A well known Bro. of St. Annah Church, who was a member for 16 years. He served as steward for many years. He was always ready to do his part in any way he could for his church or his preacher brothers. After all he did in this world he could not stay. The Lord called him on Saturday evening to go the way that Solomon spoke of. He is gone from us now. His seat is vacant at the church, but he is not forgotten.

He was laid to rest in the old Deep Branch cemetery, known as the Sam Pyson burying ground. May God help us to meet around the great white throne in heaven. Some more are dead but their notice was not given to me, as I told those who wanted their dead to be remembered to send their names in to me.

DECORUM OF OUR BY-LAWS.

No preacher from 1927 will be licensed nor have any credentials at any place in the conference except he comes before the Investigating Committee of this conference and council also.

All deeds of the church property will be made to the St. Annah Free Will Baptist Conference, and then be placed in the hands of the conference treasurer.

W. F. OXENDINE, Clerk.

Pembroke, N. C., Box 3.

A TOTAL RECORD OF THE FINANCES OF THE CONFERENCE.

We find in the annual treasury -----	\$118.95
We find in the union treasury -----	143.93
We find in the missionary treasury -----	70.35
We find in the hands of preachers' treasury -----	116.25
Total amount -----	\$449.48

ANNUAL CONFERENCE LETTER.

To the Annual Conference to be held at _____,
County of _____ State of _____
the _____ day of _____ 19____. We the members of
_____ church in the County of _____
State of _____, are again blessed to make
our reports to the Annual Conference. We, the members in Christ of _____
_____ are in fellowship with each other. We
send as delegate Bro. _____
to speak in this Conference for his church. We send contribution to this
Conference \$_____; Mission fees \$_____; Delegate fees \$_____
Paid pastor \$_____; are to pay pastor for next year \$_____;
gave to the sick \$_____; valuation of church property \$_____
Total of all \$_____. Members received _____; dismissed
_____; expelled _____; baptized _____; died _____;
total number of members _____.

Other remarks: _____

Pastor Eld. _____

Clerk _____

P. O. _____

