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OUR DEAD

NAME	DIED
Elder J. A. Maynor -----	1933
Elder S. S. Jones -----	1939
Elder M. B. Emanuel -----	1941
Elder James Johnson -----	1943
Brother Allen Stricklin -----	1940
Brother J. C. Oxendine -----	1944
Brother Pinkney Goins -----	1944
Brother Robert Brewington -----	1945
Brother Tom L. Freeman -----	1950
Brother Jessie Locklear -----	1953
Brother J. C. Ronds -----	1954
Brother S. S. Stricklin -----	1954
Brother Ansel Stricklin -----	1954
Sister Ellen Stricklin -----	1954

Brother J. C. Oxendine was a Deacon of Hickory Hill Church, Brother S. S. Stricklin was a Deacon of Shady Grove Church, Brother Ansel Stricklin was a Deacon of Shady Grove Church.

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PROCEEDINGS



Thursday Morning Session

Conference opened about ten o'clock with Elder Alford Cox as Moderator until one was appointed.

The first thing on the Docket was to appoint a Clerk for 1955. By motion: Brother Oddie Sweat was appointed Clerk for 1955. By motion: Elder B. C. Chavis was appointed Moderator for 1955. After that the stand was occupied by the Moderator and the house was declared in order and ready for business.

By motion: We heard the calling of the Roll, and the Churches and the Ministers be enrolled. The same was received.

Enrollment of Churches

NAMES OF CHURCHES

St. Annah
Hickory Hill
Little Zion
Mt. Ellen
Shady Grove
Lellers Grove
Antioch
Fair Point
Bay Side
Harleys Grove

NAMES OF DELEGATES

Henry McGirt & Lawrence Maynor
Grady Hunt
Sister Nancy Lowry
Sister Mary B. Jacobs
Johnnie Stricklin
James Jones & Frank Hunt

Lonnie Deal
James Fields
James L. Locklear

After the enrolling of Churches the Moderator was granted the power to appoint the different Committees which were as follows:

COMMITTEES FOR 1955

FINANCE COMMITTEE

W. M. Lowry
James Fields
James L. Locklear

LITERATURE COMMITTEE

Herbert H. Chavis
Vester Oxendine
Henry McGirt

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

Grady Hunt
James Jones
Johnnie Stricklin

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

James Fields
Chesley Oxendine
James L. Locklear

HOME COMMITTEE

Flowers Hunt
W. M. Johnson
Leller Locklear

COUNCIL COMMITTEE

W. M. Johnson
Vester Oxendine
Oddie Sweat

TOPIC COMMITTEE
SUBJECTS

Alford Cox: Better Improvement of the Church
Frank Hunt: How Deacons Should Better Cooperate
W. M. Lowry: How Can Pastors Better Cooperate

CLOSED IN ORDER FOR NOON

Thursday Morning Session

ENROLLMENT OF THE MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

NAMES

Elder B. C. Chavis	Pembroke, N. C. P. O. Box 124
Elder W. M. Johnson	Rowland, N. C. RFD No. 1
Elder R. F. Sweat	Rowland, N. C.
Elder D. O. Oxendine	Fairmont, N. C.
Elder J. D. Chavis	Laurinburg, N. C.
Elder Alford Cox	Laurinburg, N. C.
Elder Vester Oxendine	Maxton, N. C. RFD No. 3
Elder H. B. Bullard	
Rev. W. M. Lowry	Fairmont, N. C. RFD No. 3
Rev. Albert Hunt	Dillon, S. C. RFD No. 1
Rev. Herbert H. Chavis	Shannon, N. C. RFD No. 1 Box 21
Rev. Chesley Oxendine	Fairmont, N. C.
Rev. James Fields	Lumberton, N. C.

Thursday Evening Session

Conference opened at one o'clock by Brother W. M. Lowry after which the house was declared in order for business, by the Moderator.

By motion: We hear the calling of the Roll and Letters from the different churches be called for .

Also the calling of the Ministers Roll. The calling of the Roll was received and the money from the different churches and from the Ministers was placed on the table.

Collected from the Churches -----	\$102.50
Collected from the Ministers -----	23.25
Grand total collected in this session -----	125.75
By motion We pay the Clerk -----	20.00
Which leaves a total of -----	105.75

to be put in the Treasury.

Report of The Treasurer at The Beginning of This Session

Cash In The Bank	\$628.89
Cash Put In The Treasury At This Session	105.75
Grand Total In The Treasury At This Time	733.64
Ministers Share Of This Amount	246.56

Friday Morning Session

Conference opened at ten o'clock by Brother Herbert H. Chavis after which the house was declared in order, ready for business. By motion: We hear the calling of the roll. The same was received. By motion: The Finance Committee came to the table and the financial business was finished. The Committee was excused from the table and the money was turned over to the Treasurer.

By motion: We appoint the Treasurers for 1955 as follows:

Brother Henry McGirt
Brother Carlie Jacobs
Brother Clarence Graham

At this time we gave the visiting Bretheren a seat in this conference with the exception of voting.

By motion: We hear the report of the Committee on the Revising of the Discipline.

By motion: The findings of the Committee on Article No. 12 in the Discipline was not approved by the conference.

By motion: No Minister from any other conference shall handle any business of the St. Annah Conference, such as opening the doors of the Church, receiving in members in the Church or making rules in said Conference.

ARTICLE NO. 10

Any Minister that fails to attend the Ministers meetings without a lawful excuse shall lose his License for the remainder of the year. Also any Deacon that fails to attend the Ministers meetings shall be set aside from his Deaconship the remainder of the year.

Friday Morning Session

TOPICS FOR THE MINISTERS MEETING AND UNIONS

- 1—UNION TOPIC by Brother Frank Hunt. How Deacons Should Cooperate with the Church and why Pray—by W. M. Lowry
- 2—UNION TOPIC by Brother Vester Oxendine. What is Repentance Through Conversion? To help on this Topic Elder R. F. Sweat.
- 3—UNION TOPIC by Brother Henry McGirt. How Can a Pastor Lead His Members to be Soul Winners Through His Preaching and What is Personal Evangelism?. by Elder B. C. Chavis.
- 4—UNION TOPIC by Rev. James Fields. What Was the Purpose of the Transfiguration? Rev. Chesley Oxendine to help.

1—Ministers Meeting.

TOPIC—by Brother Johnnie Stricklin. Why Should Christians Work? Elder W. M. Johnson on same Topic.

2—Ministers Meeting.

TOPIC by Rev. Albert Hunt. What is the Working of the Holy Spirit?

Your Program Committee
Brother James L. Locklear
Brother James Fields
Rev. Chesley Oxendine

Friday Evening Session

Placement of the Unions and Ministers Meetings

- 1—UNION will be held at Bay Side, January 29, 1955.
Introduction by Rev. Vester Oxendine.
 - 2—UNION will be held at Little Zion, May 28, 1955.
Introduction by Rev. Chesley Oxendine.
 - 3—UNION will be held at Lellers Grove, July 30, 1955.
Introduction by Rev. W. M. Lowry.
 - 4—UNION will be held at Hickory Hill, October 29, 1955.
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- 1—Ministers meeting will be held at Shady Grove, March 19, 1955.
Introduction by Rev. Chesley Oxendine.
 - 2—Ministers meeting will be held at St. Annah, June 11, 1955.
Introduction by Rev. W. M. Lowry.

PLACEMENT OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The first day of the Annual Conference will be held at St. Annah, November 17, 1955.

Introduction by Elder B. C. Chavis.

The second day will be held at Fair Point, November 18, 1955, Also the Annual Conference will be closed at Fair Point, Sunday, November 20, 1955.

PLACEMENT OF PASTORS

PASTOR—St. Annah—Elder Vester Oxendine will preach each fourth Sunday at eleven o'clock.

PASTOR—Hickory Hill—Elder Vester Oxendine preaching each second Sunday at eleven o'clock, Elder W. M. Johnson will preach each fourth Sunday at 11 o'clock.

PASTOR—Mt. Ellen—Elder B. C. Chavis preaching each Sunday at eleven o'clock. Assisted by Rev. Vester Oxendine.

PASTOR—Shady Grove—Rev. Herbert H. Chavis preaching each first Sunday at eleven o'clock.

PASTOR—Little Zion—Elder B. C. Chavis preaching eleven o'clock.

PASTOR—Lellers Grove—Elder G. C. Chavis preaching each fourth Sunday at eleven o'clock.

PASTOR—Fair Point—Elder Vester Oxendine preaching each first Sunday at eleven o'clock and each third Sunday night at eight o'clock.

PASTOR—Bay Side—Elder B. C. Chavis preaching at eleven o'clock.

PASTOR—Harleys Grove—Elder Vester Oxendine preaching each fourth Sunday, as a Mission Point.

Friday Evening Session

Conference opened about one o'clock by Elder W. M. Johnson. Brother Isiah Locklear led in prayer after which the house was declared in order and ready for business.

By motion ' We hear the calling of the Roll, and the same was received.

STANDING COMMITTEE FOR 1955 IS AS FOLLOWS:

Elder Vesta Oxendine

Elder W. M. Johnson

Rev. Herbert H. Chavis

Just before the Conference closed, the Conference gave Rev. Isiah liberty to preach a short sermon. He took a Text from Chapter 19 of St. Luke, the 10th verse, Subject: "Jesus Came to Seek and to Save". He preached a wonderful sermon. All who were present enjoyed the sermon.

After the sermon Elder B. C. Chavis called an offering for Elders D. O. Oxendine and R. F. Sweat. The collection amounted to \$10.08 which was divided in two parts which was \$5.04 for each of the two. As Elder D. O. Oxendine was not present with us in this Conference Session, the Conference missed him mighty bad, and were thinking of him and his work that he had done and hoping that he would soon be back with us again.

By motion: The Committee go out and bring in their report. We your Committee do say that Elder Vester Oxendine will preach Sunday at 11:00 o'clock and that Elder B. C. Chavis will administer the Lord's Supper.

The annual Singing was left off at this time.

By motion. We turn a vote of thanks to the good people of Hickory Hill Church for the fine food they prepared for this Conference.

Closed in order on Sunday for this Annual Session.

Your Committee

James Jones

Grady Hunt

Johnnie Stricklin

By-Laws Of The Conference

1 By Motion: All churches must come up to all rules and regulations of the Church to be Orthodox.

2 By Motion: If any member goes contrary they shall be tried by their Church.

3 By Motion: All Sunday Schools shall be ruled by their Superintendent who has been approved by the Conference.

4 By Motion: All Sunday School Teachers shall be ruled by their Superintendent, failure to do so they shall be removed.

5 By Motion: Can any Church call their pastor without saying what they will pay him? Answer is "No".

6 By Motion: Any Church can be a member of the Conference without deeding their property to the Conference.

7 By Motion: A Church Letter, any Union Letter or Annual Letter that has been read and voted on that they are in Fellowship with each other at the time this letter is fixed, is entitled to go through the Union and the Conference.

8 By Motion: Before a Licentiate can come before the Council Board for Ordination he must pastor a church one year. and if the church calls him back that will bring him before the Council Board for Ordination and he must make 75%.

9 By Motion: No Minister or member of the Conference can be an officer of the law.

10 By Motion: Each Church shall hold a vacation Bible School sometime during the summer.

11 By Motion: Each Minister and Deacon is required to attend each Ministerial meeting.

Ministers Report

NAMES OF MINISTERS	Sermons preached	Profession	Members received	Baptized	Funerals Preached	Visits to Sick	Given to Sick	Sunday School Visits	Visits to Union	Given to The Gospel	Miles Traveled	Contributions Received	Expense
Elder B. C. Chavis -----	59	19	13	6	13	11	19.25	52	5	72.00		447.50	132.50
Elder W. M. Johnson -----													
Elder R F. Sweat -----													
Elder D. O. Oxendine -----													
Elder Vester Oxendine -----	23		46	22	2			52	5	10.00	21,363	332.00	176.00
Elder Alford Cox -----													
Elder J. D. Chavis -----													
Elder H. B. Bullard -----													
Rev. W. M. Lowry -----	15	9	1			10	10.00	52	4	20.00	500	12.00	15.00
Rev. Albert Hunt -----	7					60	15.50	25	4	25.00	500		50.00
Rev. Chesley Oxendine -----													
Rev. James Fields -----													
Rev. Herbert H. Chavis -----	60	3				12	8.00		2	16.00	850	65.00	17.00

CHURCH REPORT

NAME OF CHURCHES	Church Fee	Delegate Fee	Paid Pastor This Year	Are to pay Pastor Next Year	Value of Church Property	Given to Sick	Members received	Baptized	Dismissed	Expelled	Died	Number in Church	Members in Sunday School
St. Annah -----	10.00	10.00	150.00	150.00	6000.00		9	7			2	43	160
Hickory Hill -----	10.00	2.50	132.20	150.00	10,000	14.36	9	3	4		1	14	195
Little Zion -----	5.00	5.00		100.00	1500.00		3	3				25	
Mt. Ellen -----	5.00	5.00	50.00	70.00	1500.00							16	19
Lellers Grove -----	5.00	10.00	100.00	100.00	1500.00	54.80	8	1			1	29	48
Shady Grove -----	5.00	5.00	43.50	25.00	1500.00	13.60					4	12	
Fair Point -----	5.00	5.00	150.00	200.00	8000.00	35.00	31	13				76	2
Antioch -----													
Bay Side -----	5.00	5.00	100.00	100.00	2000.00	7.60	2	2				23	87
Harley's Grove ----- as a Mission Point													

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