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PROCEEDINGS

The body of the original Free Will Baptist Churches of the St. Annah Conference met today November 15, 1956 at Lellers Grove Church to hold its fifty-eighth annual session.

At about 10:15 A.M., the body met with songs of praise and prayer by different members of the body. At 10:30 A.M. the speaker of the hour Elder W.J. Thompson filled the stand. He announced his text from Rev. 2:4 and preached a very good message.

At 11:00 A.M. the house was declared in order by Elder Thompson and officers appointed.

By motion, Elder Lee Ammons serve as clerk for the new year 1956 and 1957 was passed. By motion, Elder B.L. Chavis serve as Moderator for the new year 1956 and 1957 was passed. Elder R.F. Sweat was elected to serve as Assistant Moderator for the new year.

By motion, we hear the Roll Call of ministers, churches, and their delegates was passed.

MINISTERS ROLL

Elder B. C. Chavis, Box 124, Pembroke, N. C.
Elder D. O. Oxendine, Fairmont, N. C.
Elder R. F. Sweat, Rt. 2, Rowland, N. C.
Elder W. M. Johnson, Rt. 1, Rowland, N. C.
Elder Vester Oxendine, Rt. 1, Maxton, N. C.
Elder Alford Cox, Laurinburg, N. C.
Elder W. M. Lowery, Rt. 3, Fairmont, N. C.
Elder Neil Hunt, Rt. 1, Box 246, Rowland, N. C.
Elder W. J. Thompson, McColl, S. C.
Elder Davis Locklear, Rt. 1, Rowland, N. C.
Elder Lee Ammons, Rt. 2, Box 285-A, Clinton,

N. C. Clerk.

Elder Johnny Chavis, Rt. 2, Rowland, N. C.
Rev. Albert Hunt, McColl, S. C.
Rev. Cheslie Oxendine, Rt. 3, Fairmont, N. C.
Rev. James W. Hunt, McColl, S. C.
Rev. James Fields, Rt. 5, Lumberton, N. C.

Rev. Jay Hammonds, Lumberton, N.C.

Rev. Vione Ammons, Rt. 2, Box 285-A, Clinton,
N.C.

Rev. Joseph Hunt, Rt. 3, Fairmont, N.C.

Rev. Tom J. Jacobs

By motion, Elder Johnny Chavis be enrolled
with the ministers as an Elder was passed.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

1. St. Annah, Brother Jessie Locklear
2. Hickory Hill, Brother James L. Locklear
3. Little Zion, Sister Eva Locklear.
4. Shady Grove, Sister Ruby Strickland
5. Mt. Ellen, Sister Jacobs
6. Lellers Grove, Brother Frank Hunt
Brother Luther Deals
7. Antioch, none
8. Fairpoint, Brother Alfred Hunt
9. Bayside, Brother Marvin McGirt
- 10 Thompson, Brother L. Oxendine
- 11 Holly Grove, Brother Tony Brewington
- 12 Oak Ridge, Sister Georgianna Maynor

By motion, we receive the Roll Call was pass-
ed. By motion, the Moderator be given power to
appoint the different committees was passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Elder Davis Locklear, Brother
Tony Brewington, Brother Jessie Locklear.

HOME COMMITTEE: Brother Luther Deals, Sister
Mary Hunt, Brother Raymond Davis.

LITERATURE COMMITTEE: Elder W.M. Johnson, Elder
D.O. Oxendine, Elder Johnny Chavis.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE: Elder W.M. Lowery, Elder R. F.
Sweat, Brother James L. Locklear.

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE: Brother Frank Hunt, Bro-
ther Luther Oxendine, Brother Alfred Hunt.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Elder B. C. Chavis, Elder Al-
fred Cox, Brother Henry McGirt.

TOPIC COMMITTEE: Rev. James Hunt.

By motion all visiting Brothers and Sisters
be given a seat and welcome in this conference
with the exception of voting was passed.

By motion we hear from the Devotional Commit-

tee was passed.

We your Devotional Committee do say that Elder Davis Locklear close at 12:00 noon and Elder Johnny Chavis open at 1:30 P.M.

By motion we receive the report of the Devotional Committee was passed.

AFTERNOON SESSION

At 1:30 P.M. the body met with songs of praise led by Elder Johnny Chavis. Then prayer and a song by Brother Raymond Chavis. After another song which was led by Brother Henry McGirt, the Moderator, Elder B.C. Chavis declared the house in order and ready for business.

By motion, we hear the Roll Call was passed. By motion, we receive the Roll Call was passed.

At this time the Moderator introduced some very distinguished visitors that we have visiting with us today. First we have Rev. J. O. Fort of Ayden, N.C. Rev. Fort is the editor of "The Free Will Baptist", a weekly paper published by the Free Will Baptist Press at Ayden, N.C. Rev. Fort gave some good information on some of the latest literature that they are publishing. Then we have Elder H. E. Willis of Nashville, Tenn., who is serving with the Home Mission Board. A wonderful testimony was given by Elder Willis. The St. Annah Conference is very glad to have these minister Brothers visit with us today and we welcome their visit any time.

By motion, the Finance Committee come to the table, letters be called for, and contributions placed on the table was passed.

CHURCH	CHURCH FEE	DELEGATE FEE
St. Annah	\$ 10.00	\$ 5.00
Hickory Hill		
Little Zion	5.00	5.00
Shady Grove	5.00	5.00
Mt. Ellen	5.00	5.00
Lellers Grove	10.00	10.00
Antioch		
Fairpoint	5.00	5.00
Bay Side	5.00	5.00

Thompsons	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Holly Grove	5.00	5.00
Oak Ridge		5.00
Little Zion (last union)		5.00
TOTAL	55.00	60.00

GRAND TOTAL \$ 115.00

By motion, we pay Clerk \$ 25.00 was passed.

By motion, we hear from the Finance Committee was passed.

Taken in from churches	\$ 115.00
Pay to Clerk	25.00
Balance	90.00
Taken in from Ministers	23.00
Total to Treasurer	\$ 113.00

By motion, the conference will pay to Fairpoint Church \$100.00 on building classrooms was passed.

By motion, we hear from the Devotional Committee was passed.

We your Devotional Committee do say that Rev. Jay Hammonds close at 3:00 P.M. and Rev. James Hunt open tomorrow November 16 at Bayside Church at 10:00 A.M.

By motion we receive the report of the Devotional Committee was passed.

FRIDAY SESSION

At 10:00 A.M. the body met with songs of praise and prayer by Rev. James Hunt. After another song led by Brother Alfred Hunt, the Moderator, Elder B.C. Chavis declared the House in order and ready for business.

By motion, we hear the Roll Call and the minutes of yesterday's work be read was passed.

By motion, two ministers be excused from this session conference, Elder Alfred Cox and Rev. Tom J. Jacobs was passed.

By motion, we receive the Roll Call and reading of yesterday's minutes was passed.

Antioch Church asked that the Conference accept a \$5.00 fee from that church; that it could not send a delegate to the Annual Conference. Elders Davis Locklear and Lee Ammons to serve as Antioch's Pastor and Assistant Pastor.

By motion, we hear the report of the Treasurer was passed.

We have in bank today.....	\$ 682.44
Put in Treasury yesterday	113.00
Today from Antioch	5.00
Total	800.44
Gift to Fairpoint Church	100.00
Grand Total in Treasury	700.44
Ministers Treasury	268.56
Conference Treasury	431.88
Grand Total in Conference Treasury	\$700.44

By motion, we receive the report of the Treasurer was passed.

By motion, we use the same treasurer for the coming year that we did last year. Brother Henry McGirt, Chairman, Brother Clarence Graham and Brother Collie Jacobs was passed.

By motion, the money be turned over to the Treasurer and the Finance Committee excused from the table was passed.

By motion, all the By-Laws remain the same except for a few minor changes to be made by the Clerk. The ninth to read SHOULD instead of shall was passed.

At this time Elder Davis Locklear made a suggestion that the churches have a Sunday School Rally to raise funds for the churches.

At this time the delegates are excused to place the different meetings.

By motion, we hear from the Devotional Committee was passed.

We your Devotional Committee do say that Elder Davis Locklear Close at 11:45 A.M. and Elder Vester Oxendine open at 1:15 P.M.

By motion we receive the report of the Devotional Committee was passed.

AFTERNOON SESSION

At 1:15 P.M. the body met with songs and prayer by Elder Vester Oxendine. Then Brother Henry McGirt, acting as Moderator in the absence of Elder B. C. Chavis and Elder R. F. Sweat declared the House in order and ready for business.

By motion, we hear the Roll Call was passed.
By motion, we receive the Roll Call was passed.

At this time Brother McGirt introduced some visitors we have today. First, he introduced Mr. N.B. Barrow, Moderator, N.C. State Convention, Lucama, N.C. Brother Barrow gave a wonderful testimony for the Lord that was enjoyed by the Conference. Then he introduced Mr. W.S. Mooneyham, Executive Secretary, National Union Association, of Free Will Baptist, Nashville, Tenn. Mr. Mooneyham gave a wonderful testimony for the Lord that was enjoyed by the Conference. He also introduced some very useful literature published by the National Association of Free Will Baptist, Nashville, Tenn. Mr. Mooneyham is editor of a monthly paper "Contact". The St. Annah Conference is well pleased to have these brothers visit the Conference today.

By motion, we hear the report of the delegates was passed.

By motion, we receive the report of the delegates.

The Deacons present at this Session Conference discussed plans for setting themselves up a treasury. That all Deacons that desired could pay into this treasury and receive the benefits of it in the future. This was offered by motion and passed by the Deacons present.

By motion, we have 300 Minutes printed was passed.

By motion, we turn a vote of thanks to Bay-side Church for the wonderful food and fine hospitality shown this session Annual Conference was passed.

TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION TODAY

How should we come about to serve the Lord's

Supper and who should wash the Saints' feet? Topic discussed by Elder W.M. Lowery, Mr. N.B. Barrow and Mr. M.S. Moneyham.

By motion, we hear the report of the Devotional Committee was passed.

We your Devotional Committee do say that Rev. Cheslie Oxendine close at 2:30 P.M. Brother Marvin McGirt to open Sunday School at 10:00 A.M. on Sunday. Elder Johnny Chavis to preach at 11:00 A.M. and Elder Davis Locklear to serve Communion. Singing to begin at 2:30 P.M.

By motion, we receive the report of the devotional Committee was passed.

SUNDAY SERVICE

At 11:05 A.M. the body met with songs of praise by different members of the body. Prayer was offered by Elder Neil Hunt. After a few more songs of praise the speaker of the hour, Elder Johnny Chavis filled the stand. He took his text Daniel 6:26 and preached a wonderful message. Then Elder D.O. Oxendine filled the stand and proceeded to administer the Lord's Supper, in the absence of Elder Davis Locklear. After Communion was finished a hymn was sung and the body dismissed. Singing Convention in the afternoon.

PASTORS, ASSISTANT PASTORS, AND THEIR ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE COMING YEAR

1. St. Annah - Pastor, Elder Davis Locklear
Services - Second and Fourth Sunday at 11:00.
2. Hickory Hill.
3. Little Zion, Rev. James W. Hunt; Assistant Pastor, Elder B.C. Chavis; every Sunday 11:00
4. Shady Grove, Pastor, Elder Davis Locklear - Every First Sunday at 11:00 A.M.
5. Mt. Ellen - Pastor, Elder W.M. Lowery; Every first and Fourth Sunday at 11:00 A.M.
6. Lellers Grove, Pastor, Elder B.C. Chavis; every fourth Sunday at 11:00 A.M.; Assistant Pastor, Rev. James W. Hunt.
7. Antioch, Pastor, Elder Davis Locklear; every third Sunday - 11:00 A.M.; Assistant Pastor, Elder Lee Ammons.

8. Fairpoint, Pastor, Elder Vester Oxendine; every first Sunday night 7:00 P.M. and every third Sunday 11:00 A.M.; Assistant Pastor, Elder Davis Locklear.
9. Bayside, Pastor, Elder B.C. Chavis; every first Sunday night 7:00 P.M. and every third Sunday 11:00 A.M.; Assistant Pastor - Elder Davis Locklear.
10. Thompsons, Pastor, Elder Johnny Chavis; every first Sunday 11:00 A.M.; Assistant Pastor Elder Lee Ammons; every third Sunday 11:00 A.M.
11. Holly Grove, Pastor, Elder B.C. Chavis; every first Sunday 11:00 A.M.; Assistant Pastor Elder Davis Locklear.
12. Oak Ridge, Pastor, Elder Neil Hunt; every first and fourth Sunday 3:00 P.M.

UNIONS FOR 1957

1. The first Union will convene at St. Annah Church, December 29, 1956; introduction by Rev. James W. Hunt. Topic for discussion - "Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out her seven pillars", Proverbs 9:1. What are the pillars? Elder Johnny Chavis.
2. The second Union will convene at Little Zion Church March 30, '57. Introduction by Elder Vester Oxendine. Topic for discussion "Give an explanation of Solomon 8:8"; by Elder Davis Locklear.
3. The third Union will convene at Mt. Ellen Church June 29, 1957. Introduction by Elder W.J. Thompson. Topic for discussion; "What is the whole armour of God", by Rev. Jay Hammonds.
4. The fourth Union will convene at Bayside Church September 28, 1957. Introduction by Elder W.J. Thompson. Topic for discussion, "Will the Atom and H Bomb be the end of time or what will bring it to pass" by Rev. Cheslie Oxendine.

ANNUAL SESSION

The next Annual Session Conference will convene for the first day's session at Holly Grove Church, November 14, 1957, with introduction by Rev. Joseph Hunt. The second day's session will

convene with Thompsons Church November 15, 1957.

MINISTERS MEETINGS

1. The first Ministers and Deacons meeting will convene at Fair Point Church, April 27, 1957 with introduction by Elder Johnny Chavis. Topic for discussion, "In what way is the Word of the Lord like a hammer", Jeremiah 23 and 29, led by Rev. James Hunt.
2. The second Ministers and Deacons meeting will convene at Oak Ridge Church, July 27, 1957, with introduction by Elder Vester Oxendine. Topic for discussion, "What is our Righteousnesses that Isaiah classified as filthy rags" in Isaiah 64:6 led by Sister Lula Mae Lowery.
3. The third Ministers and Deacons meeting will convene at Antioch Church October 26, 1957 with introduction by Rev. T.J. Jacobs. Topic for discussion, "We know that man is the Image of God, What is He styled to be like" led by Rev. Jasper Thompson.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLIES

1. The first Sunday School Rally will be held at Bayside Church on Friday night, January 25, 1957.
2. The second Sunday School Rally will be held at Mt. Ellen Church on Friday night, April 26, 1957.
3. The third Sunday School Rally will be held at Lellers Grove Church, August 30, 1957.

OUR DEAD

Elder J. A. Maynor 1933

He was the founder of the present Conference and a faithful minister.

Elder S. S. Jones 1939

Elder M. B. Emanuel 1941

Elder James Johnson 1933

Brother Allen Strickland 1940

Brother J. C. Oxendine 1944

Brother Pinkey 1944

Brother Robert Brewington 1945

Brother Tommy L. Freeman 1950

Brother Jessie Locklear 1953

Brother Allen Strickland was a deacon of Sycamore Hill Church.

Brother J. C. Oxendine was a deacon of Hickory Hill Church.

Brother Robert Brewington was a deacon at Antioch Church.

BY-LAWS

1. All churches must come up to all rules and regulations of the conference to be orthodox.
2. If any member goes contrary, they shall be tried by their church.
3. All Sunday Schools shall be ruled by their superintendent who has been approved by the conference.
4. No church can call their pastor without saying what they will pay him.
5. Any church can be a member of the conference without deeding their property to the conference.
6. Any church letter, union letter or annual letter that has been read and voted on that they are in fellowship with each other at the time the letter is fired, is entitled to go through the union and conference.
7. Before a licentiate can come before the Council Board for ordination, he must pastora church for one year, and if the church calls him back that will bring him before the Council Board for ordination and he must average 75% on his examination.
8. No minister or member of the conference can be an officer of the law.
9. Each church should hold a Vacation Bible School sometime during the summer.
10. Each minister and deacon should attend each meeting for ministers and deacons.
11. All ministers shall pay their conference fees in the church to be orthodox in the conference.

CHURCH REPORT

NAME OF CHURCH	Contribution	Delegate Fee	Total	Paid Pastor This Year	To Pay, Pastor Next Year	Valuation of Church Property	Gave to Sick	Members Received	Number In Church	Number In Sunday School
St. Annah	\$10.00	\$ 5.00	\$15.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$ 4,000	\$15.55		21	160
Hickory Hill										
Little Zion	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$10.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$ 1,200		9	22	48
Shady Grove	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$10.00	\$100.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,500	\$ 5.42		14	23
Mt. Ellen	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$10.00	\$108.00	\$100.00	\$ 2,000	\$ 4.00	5	17	35
Lellers Grove	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$ 1,000	\$21.62	8	51	80
Antioch		\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00							
Fair Point	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$10.00	\$169.00	\$150.00	\$ 8,000	\$40.00	30	105	194
Bay Side	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$10.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$ 2,000		4	31	65
Thompsons	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$10.00	\$ 28.42	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,000		5	25	40
Holly Grove	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$10.00	\$180.00	\$180.00	\$15,000		9	16	36
Oak Ridge		\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00					7	7	30

