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PROCEEDINGS

The body of the St. Annah Conference met today, November 14, 1957, at Holly Grove Church, County of Sampson, State of North Carolina, located about two miles south of Clinton, to hold its Fifty-Ninth Annual Session Conference.

At 10:15 a. m. the body met with songs of praise, led by Elder Lee Ammons. Prayer was offered by Rev. Grady Carter. Then a song was sung by Brother Marvin McGirt, followed by another prayer which was offered by Elder Alfred Cox. At about 10:35 a.m. the speaker of the hour, Rev. Jay Hammonds, filled the stand. He announced his text from the 3rd Chapter of Geneses, the 10th and 11th verses. He preached a very good message, followed with prayer by Brother Henry McGirt.

At 11:00 a. m. Elder Davis Locklear declared the house in order and ready for business.

By motion, Elder Lee Ammons to serve as clerk for the new year. Was passed.

By motion, the clerk to come to the table and call the roll of ministers. Was passed.

MINISTERS ROLL

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| 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 Alfred 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. |
| Elder Johnny Chavis | Rt. 2, Rowland, N. C. |
| Elder F. D. Oxendine | Rt. 1, Box 236, Clío, S. C. |
| Rev. Albert Hunt | McColl, S. C. |
| Rev. Cheslie Oxendine | Rt. 1, Orham, N. C. |
| Rev. James W. Hunt | Rt. 2, McColl, S. C. |
| Rev. James Fields | Rt. 5, Lumberton, N. C. |
| Rev. Jay Hammonds | Rt. 2, Fairmont, N. C. |
| Rev. Vione Ammons | Rt. 2, Box 285-A, Clinton, N. C. |
| Rev. Joseph Hunt | Rt. 3, Fairmont, N. C. |
| Rev. Edmon Maynor, Rt. 1, Rowland, N. C., c/o Stones Supply Co. | |
| Rev. J. T. Freeman | Fairmont, N. C. |

By motion, Elder R. F. Sweat and Neil Hunt be excused from this Annual Conference. Was passed.

By motion, Elder F. D. Oxendine be enrolled with the ministers as an elder. Was passed.

By motion, we receive the ministers roll call. Was passed.

By motion, Elder B. C. Chavis to serve as Moderator for the new year. Was passed.

Elder Davis Locklear to serve as the Assistant Moderator for the new year.

By motion, we hear the roll call of the churches and their delegates be enrolled. Was passed.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

1. St. AnnahBrother Newton Cummings
2. Hickory HillBrother Grover Chavis
3. Little ZionBrother Willie Locklear
4. Shady GroveBrother Noah Locklear
5. Mt. EllenBrother William Lowery
6. Lellers GroveBrother Earl Hunt
7. AntiochBrother John Jones
8. Fair PointBrother Cheslie McNeil
9. Bay SideBrother James Fields
10. ThompsonsBrother Luke Oxendine
11. Holly GroveBrother Tony Brewington
12. Oak Ridge(No delegate)

By motion, we receive the roll call of churches and delegate enrollment. Was passed.

By motion, the Moderator be given power to appoint the different committees Was passed.

Finance Committee

Elder D. O. Oxendine, Elder Vester Oxendine, Brother Newton Cummings.

Home Committee

Brother Tony Brewington, Brother John Faircloth, Sister Lois Simmons.

Literature Committee

Brother C. M. McNeil, Brother Newton Cummings, Rev. Cheslie Oxendine.

Program Committee

Elder Vester Oxendine, Rev. James W. Hunt, Rev. James Fields.

Devotional Committee

Brother Tony Brewington, Brother Earl Hunt, Brother James Fields.

Topic Committee

Rev. James W. Hunt.

By motion, the following names are to serve on the Council Committee: Elder Davis Locklear, Elder B. C. Chavis and Brother Henry McGirt. Was passed.

Elder D. O. Oxendine was asked to explain the duties of the Topic Committee. The Topic Committee is to select a topic to be discussed at the next Annual Session Conference and present this topic to the Conference at the Fourth Union.

By motion all brothers and sisters be given a voice and seat (with the exception of voting) in this Conference. Was passed.

By motion, we will close today's Session Conference at 2:30 p.m. Was passed.

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

We, your Devotional Committee, do say that Brother Willie Locklear close at 12:00 Noon, and Elder F. D. Oxendine open at 1:00 p.m.

By motion, we receive the report of the Devotional Committee. Was passed.

AFTERNOON SESSION

At 1:00 p.m. the body met with songs of praise, led by Elder F. D. Oxendine, and prayer was offered by Elder Davis Locklear. Then 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.

By motion, the Finance Committee come to the table. Letters be called for and read, and contributions placed on the table. Was passed.

| Church | Church Fee | Delegate Fee |
|---------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| St. Annah | \$ 10.00 | \$ 5.00 |
| Hickory Hill | 10.00 | 5.00 |
| Little Zion | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| Shady Grove | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| Mt. Ellen | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| Lellers Grove | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| Antioch | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| Fair Point | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| Bay Side | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| Thompsons | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| Holly Grove | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| Oak Ridge | 7.02 | |
| TOTAL | \$ 72.02 | \$55.00 |

By motion, we hear the report of the Finance Committee. Was passed.

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| Church Fee | \$ 72.02 |
| Delegate Fee | 55.00 |
| Total From Churches Today | 127.02 |
| From Ministers Today | 22.50 |
| From Deacons Today | 10.75 |
| Total Taken in Today | \$160.27 |

A free-will offering of \$7.02 was lifted and given for Oak Ridge Church.

By motion, we accept the offering of \$7.02 for Oak Ridge Church. Was passed.

By motion, we receive the report of the Finance Committee. Was passed.

By motion, Brother Newton Cummings take charge of the money taken in today until tomorrow's Session Conference. Was passed.

By motion, a vote of thanks be given Holly Grove Church for the fine hospitality shown today's Session Conference. Was passed.

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

We, your Devotional Committee, do say that Elder Alfred Cox will close at 2:30 p.m. Elder Davis Locklear will open services at Thompsons Church tomorrow morning, November 15, 1957, at 10:00 a.m.

By motion, we will receive the report of the Devotional Committee. Was passed.

FRIDAY'S SESSION

At 10:00 a.m. the body met with songs of praise, led by Elder Davis Locklear. Prayer was offered by Brother Toby Brooks, then the Moderator, Elder B. C. Chavis, declared the house in order and ready for business.

By motion, the clerk come to the table and call the roll and read the minutes of yesterday's work. Was passed.

By motion, Elder Alfred Cox, Brother John Jones and Brother Noah Locklear be excused from today's Session Conference. Was passed.

By motion, we receive the roll call and reading of yesterday's minutes. Was passed.

By motion, the Finance Committee return to the table and finish with today's financial report. Was passed.

By motion, we pay the clerk \$25.00. Was passed.

By motion, we will use the same treasury officials for the new year, Brother Henry McGirt, Brother Charlie Jacobs and Brother Clarence Graham. Was passed.

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

By motion, we hear the report of the Conference Treasurer. Was passed.

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| Total Taken in This Conference | \$160.27 |
| Pay to Clerk | 25.00 |
| Balance to Go Into Treasury | 135.27 |
| Already in Bank | 847.44 |
| Grand Total in Bank | \$982.71 |
| Ministers Treasury | 294.56 |
| Deacons Treasury | 31.75 |
| Conference Treasury | 656.40 |
| Grand Total in Treasury | \$982.71 |

By motion, we receive the report of the Conference Treasurer. Was passed.

By motion, the By-Laws be read and any necessary changes made. Was passed.

By motion, By-Law No. 9 be removed. This business to be left to the Sunday School Superintendents. Was passed.

By motion, By-Law No. 10 to be changed and made to read, Must instead of Should. Was passed.

By motion, By-Law No. 11 to be removed. Was passed.

By motion, a new By-Law be made to read, All ministers coming to the St. Annah Conference will be given a complete Character Investigation by the Council Committee. Was passed.

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

We, your Devotional Committee, do say that Rev. James W. Hunt close at 11:45 a. m. and Elder W. M. Johnson open at 12:45 p.m.

By motion, we receive the report of the Devotional Committee. Was passed.

AFTERNOON SESSION

At 1:00 p.m. the body met with songs of praise and prayer by Elder W. M. Johnson. Then the Moderator declared the house in order and ready for business.

By motion, we hear the roll call. Was passed.

By motion, a vote of thanks be given Thompsons Church for the fine hospitality shown today's Session Conference. Was passed.

By motion, we hear from the Literature Committee. Was passed.

By motion, we receive the report of the Literature Committee. Was passed.

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

By motion, we receive the report of the delegates.

A free-will offering of \$6.00 was lifted for Elders R. F. Sweat and Neil Hunt.

By motion, we have 300 Minutes printed. Was passed.

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

We, your Devotional Committee, do say that Elder Vester Oxendine close at 2:30 p.m. and Rev. Cheslie Oxendine to open services Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Elder Vester Oxendine to preach and Elder B. C. Chavis to serve the Lord's Supper.

By motion, we receive the report of the Devotional Committee. Was passed.

SUNDAY SERVICE

At 10:20 a.m. the body met with songs of praise led by Rev. Cheslie Oxendine. Prayer was offered by Elder W. M. Johnson. At 10:30 a.m. the speaker of the hour, Elder Vester Oxendine filled the stand. He announced his text from Rev. 3:21. He delivered a wonderful message followed by Elder B. C. Chavis serving Communion. Then the service was closed with a hymn.

LITERATURE

The Holy Bible is the very best literature that we can have in our possession. We find that there are many kinds of literature. Some good, and some bad, but we should always use our Bible and consider it first and best of all. It contains 66 different books. It will always give an answer to any question that we might have. We know that it is true and that it was written by men inspired by God. What a wonderful passage of Scripture as John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

What more can we want.

Your committee,
Brother C. M. McNeil
Brother Newton Cummings
Rev. Cheslie Oxendine

PASTORS AND THEIR ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE COMING YEAR

1. ST. ANNAH—Pastor, Elder Davis Locklear. Services, second and fourth Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
2. HICKORY HILL—Pastor, Elder Vester Oxendine. Services, second and fourth Sundays at 11:00 a.m.
3. LITTLE ZION—Pastor, Rev. Jay Hammonds. Services, Every first and third Sundays at 11:00 a.m. Assistant pastor, Elder B. C. Chavis.
4. SHADY GROVE—Pastor, Elder Alfred Cox. Services, Every first Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
5. MT. ELLEN—Pastor, Elder F. D. Oxendine. Services, Every second Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Assistant pastor, Elder D. O. Oxendine.
6. LELLERS GROVE—Pastor, Rev. James W. Hunt. Services, every second Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
7. ANTIOCH—Pastor, Elder Davis Locklear. Services, every third Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
8. FAIR POINT—Pastor, Elder Vester Oxendine. Services, every first Sunday at 11:00 a.m. and every third Sunday night.
9. BAY SIDE—Pastor, Elder B. C. Chavis. Services, every first Sunday night and every third Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
10. THOMPSONS—Pastor, Elder Johnny A. Chavis. Services, every first Sunday at 11:00 a.m. and every third Sunday Night.
11. HOLLY GROVE—Pastor, Elder B. C. Chavis. Services, every first Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
12. OAK RIDGE—Pastor, Rev. Cheslie Oxendine. Services, every first and third Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

UNIONS FOR 1958

1. The First Union will convene at Fair Point Church, December 28, 1957. Introduction by Elder Davis Locklear. Topic for discussion, "What will happen when Jesus Comes?" Elder F. D. Oxendine.

2. The Second Union will convene at Holly Grove Church, March 29, 1958. Introduction by Elder Vester Oxendine. Topic for discussion, "What is the difference in a sinner and an ungodly man?" by Elder D. O. Oxendine.

3. The Third Union will convene at Little Zion Church, June 28, 1958. Introduction by Rev. Cheslie Oxendine. Topic for discussion, "When does a person receive their first love as mentioned in Rev. 2:4?" by Brother Grover Chavis.

4. The Fourth Union will convene at Hickory Hill Church, August 30, 1958. Introduction by Elder Johnny Chavis. Topic for discussion, "Christ said that there were Seven Spirits, How can we know that we have the right one?", by James Fields.

ANNUAL SESSION

The next Annual Session Conference will convene for the first day's session at Bay Side Church, November 13, 1958. Introduction by Elder Davis Locklear. The second day's session will convene with St. Annah Church, November 14, 1958.

MINISTER AND DEACONS MEETINGS

1. The first Minister and Deacon's Meeting will convene at Thompson's Church, February 15, 1958. Introduction by Rev. Jay Hammonds. Topic for discussion, "What is the difference in serving the Lord and Worshipping the Lord?" By Bro. Henry McGirt.

2. The Second Ministers and Deacon's Meeting will convene at Mt. Ellen Church, May 17, 1958. Introduction by Elder Davis Locklear. Topic for discussion, "When was the faith delivered to the Saints as mentioned in Jude. 1:9," by Bro. Newton Cummings.

3. The Third Ministers and Deacon's Meeting will convene at Leller's Grove Church, October 11, 1958. Introduction by Elder Vester Oxendine. Topic for discussion, "What is the unpardonable sin and how is it committed?" by Elder Davis Locklear.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLIES

1. The First Sunday School Rally will be held at Bay Side Church, Friday night, April 25, 1958.

2. The Second Sunday School Rally will be held at Oak Ridge Church, Friday night, August 22, 1958.

3. The Third Sunday School Rally will be held at St. Annah Church, Friday night, September 26, 1958.

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 Superintendents, who have been approved by their 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 read, is entitled to go through the Union and Conference.
7. Before a Licentiate can come before the Council Board for ordination, he must pastor a church for one year, and if a 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 minister and deacon must attend the ministers and deacons meetings.
10. All ministers coming to the St. Annah Conference will be given a complete and thorough character and history investigation by the Council Committee before they are accepted.

OUR DEAD

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| 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 of Antioch Church.

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 | MEMBERS IN CHURCH | NUMBER IN SUNDAY SCHOOL |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|-------|--------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| St. Annah | 10.00 | 5.00 | 15.00 | 150.00 | 200.00 | 5,000 | 9.00 | 4 | 25 | 100 |
| Hickory Hill | 10.00 | 5.00 | 15.00 | 161.00 | 150.00 | 4,000 | 51.43 | 7 | 39 | 150 |
| Little Zion | 5.00 | 5.00 | 10.00 | 20.00 | 100.00 | 1,000 | 5.00 | | 20 | 35 |
| Shady Grove | 5.00 | 5.00 | 10.00 | 52.06 | 50.00 | 1,500 | 1.12 | | 13 | 25 |
| Mt. Ellen | 5.00 | 5.00 | 10.00 | 68.50 | 50.00 | 2,000 | 18.00 | 1 | 17 | 40 |
| Lellers Grove | 5.00 | 5.00 | 10.00 | 53.65 | 100.00 | 2,000 | 18.55 | 5 | 23 | 60 |
| Antioch | 5.00 | 5.00 | 10.00 | 129.66 | 125.00 | 2,000 | 17.75 | 5 | 13 | 60 |
| Fairpoint | 5.00 | 5.00 | 10.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 | 8,000 | 50.00 | 15 | 75 | 261 |
| Bay Side | 5.00 | 5.00 | 10.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 2,000 | 18.05 | 1 | 27 | 70 |
| Thompson's | 5.00 | 5.00 | 10.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 | 1,000 | 6.00 | 3 | 15 | 35 |
| Holly Grove | 5.00 | 5.00 | 10.00 | 157.35 | 180.00 | 15,000 | 34.00 | 1 | 17 | 42 |
| Oak Ridge | 7.02 | | 7.02 | | | | | | 7 | 30 |

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