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The members of the Original Free Will Baptist Conference met November 17, 1966 at 10:30 a.m. at the Holly Grove Church to conduct its annual conference.

The session was opened with a song and prayer. The speaker, Rev. Wayne Smith was introduced by the moderator. Rev. Smith chose as his text Revelation 7:7, "God in Glory".

The house was then declared in order and ready for business by the moderator.

By motion the roll call of ministers and their Christian conduct inquired into. Was passed.

Ministers Roll

Elder R. F. Sweat	R. D. 1, Rowland, N. C.
Elder Davis Locklear	R. D. 1, Pembroke, N. C.
Elder Richard Simmons	R. D. 1, Clinton, N. C.
Elder F. W. Graham	R. D. 1, Pembroke, N. C.
Elder Wilbert Locklear	R. D. 1, Rowland, N. C.
Rev. Preston Chavis	R. D. 1, Rowland, N. C.
Rev. Joseph Hunt	R. D. 1, Fayetteville, N. C.

By motion Elder Davis Locklear reinstated on roll of ministers.

By motion Brother James L. Locklear was appointed to the office of Clerk for 1966-67, assisted by Brother Ashford Locklear. Was passed.

By motion Elder Richard Simmons be elected to the office of Moderator for 1966-67. Was passed.

By motion, the Conference grant all visiting Brothers and Sisters a seat and a voice in the proceedings of the Conference, with the exception of the voting. Was passed.

By motion, the enrollment of the churches and delegates be enrolled. Was passed.

Churches and Delegates

Green Pines	Colonel Locklear
Hickory Hill	Isiah Chavis J. C. Sealey
Holly Grove	Josephine Simmons

By motion the Moderator was endowed the power to appoint the committees as follows:

Finance Committee

Colonel Locklear
Isiah Chavis
Preston Chavis

Devotional Committee

Sister Josephine Simmons
Brother James Simmons

Program Committee

Brother Ashford Locklear
Elder F. W. Graham
Brother J. C. Sealey

By motion the following Treasury Committee was appointed:

Treasury Committee

Brother Ashford Locklear
Brother Colonel Locklear
Brother Isiah Chavis

By motion the following Council Committee was appointed:

Council Committee

Elder Richard Simmons
Elder Davis Locklear
Brother Colonel Locklear

By motion the report of the Devotional Committee.

Brother Joseph Brewington close session at 12:15 p.m. and
Brother Ashford Locklear open at 1:15 p.m.

Thursday Afternoon Business Session

By motion the church letters and contributions were called
for. Received were as follows:

Reading Clerk Elder Davis Locklear

<i>Churches</i>	<i>Church Fee</i>	<i>Delegate Fee</i>
Green Pines	\$20.00	\$10.00
Hickory Hill	20.00	10.00
Holly Grove	20.00	10.00
Totals	\$60.00	\$30.00
Clerk Fees		\$25.00
Deposited to date		\$343.36

By motion, Finance Report to be accepted as reported. Was passed.

By motion, Devotional Committee's Report accepted as presented. Was passed.

By motion, Conference to forward 10 per cent of treasury to National Association of Free Will Baptist. Was passed.

Guest Speaker

Conference very fortunate to have as guest speaker, Rev. Wayne Smith, pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church of Fayetteville, North Carolina.

By motion, 200 minutes of Conference be printed. Was passed.

By motion, Elder Richard Simmons and Brother James L. Locklear be granted permission to withhold the receiving of the discipline until a later date. Was granted.

By motion, Program Committee's report accepted as presented. Was passed.

Pastor Assignments

Green Pines — Elder Davis Locklear. Second and fourth Sundays at 11:00 p.m.

Hickory Hill — Unassigned at present.

Holly Grove — Elder Richard Simmons

Union Assignments

The First Union will convene with the church at Hickory Hill on January 28, 1967. Introduction to be given by Elder Davis Locklear.

The Second Union will convene with the church at Holly Grove on April 29, 1967, with the introduction by Elder F. W. Graham.

The Third Union will be held with the church at Green Pines on July 29, 1967. Introduction by Elder Richard Simmons.

Annual Assignment

The annual will convene with the church at Hickory Hill, November 16, 1967.

By motion we hear the report of the Church School Supervisor.

Dear Brothers, Sisters, and Sunday Schools of the Original Free
Will Baptist Conference

I feel blessed indeed to be making another report of the progress being made in the Sunday Schools in the Original Free Will Baptist Conference. I am very thrilled to see some of our suggestions put into practice, and to see the Sunday Schools prospering thereby, such as using our young talents in the Sunday Schools and giving our young people a privilege to exercise their talent in church. Also by giving to support our church, and its activities, that our churches will continue to function. To continue our way of life, and to prove what we stand for. As so many operations where by, that we are forced to be a part of, are trying to destroy our Faith of Belief, we must be constantly on our guard and working to try and weaken this force and to encourage our children to fight these forces of destruction, that are trying to destroy our way of life.

We realize that we are living in a new day. But we are blessed to have the same God at the control of every thing, which gives us the privilege to worship the same God that we did in the beginning, and forever. So lets try to continue to improve our church operations and to do a greater work for the up building and support of God and our country.

Thank you all for trying to carry out our program and for the consideration given me.

James Ashford Locklear

November 17, 1966

Church Covenant

The church covenant, believing that we by the divine grace of God, do believe and accept the Lord, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Preserver, we do solemnly and joyfully covenant and agree, by God's help, as far as it lies in our power and to the best of our ability to keep and do the following:

1. We will walk together in brotherly love.
2. We will watch over each other.
3. We will share together each other's joy and sorrows.
4. Not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together and never refuse to take the Sacrament of Bread and Wine or wash feet, when practical to do so.

5. Never to neglect the great duty of prayers for others and ourselves.
6. By divine assistance, we will endeavor to bring up those under our care in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.
7. In all things we will try to exemplify our profession by corresponding practice.
8. To abstain from all conformity of sinful things.
9. To be just in all our dealing and faithful to our engagements.
10. To abstain from the use, manufacture and sale of intoxicant beverage.
11. To be exemplary in our departments.
12. We will sustain the worship ordinance, discipline and the doctrine of the church. We will accept as member no person with more than one living wife or husband.
13. We will contribute cheerfully to the ministry, to expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and to the spread of the gospel.

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 have a voice in selecting their superintendents and teachers.
4. Any church letter or union letter or annual letter that has been read and voted on is entitled to go through the union or annual.
5. Any church calling a pastor must agree on the church and pastor's expense, before they call him for their pastor.
6. Before a Licentiate can come before the Council Board for Ordination, he must pastor a church for one year. If the church calls him back, that will bring him before the Council Board for his ordination.

7. All ministers and deacons must attend their union and business meetings, or send a letter to be orthodox with their church.
8. All ministers coming to the Original Free Will Baptist conference will be given a complete and thorough character and history investigation by the Council Committee before they are accepted.
9. All ministers must be orthodox with their church and the Conference before they go into the stands.
10. Any person or organization is prohibited from setting up any office or any business in any church, unless he or she is an orthodox member of said church.

OUR DEAD

Elder J. A. Maynor	1933
(Elder Maynor was the founder of the Original Free Will Baptist Conference)	
Elder Neal Hunt	1958

Deacons

Brother J. C. Oxendine	1944
Brother Calvin Oxendine	
Brother Jessie Locklear	1953
Brother Jim G. Simmons	1962

After enjoying another Annual Conference by the Grace and Goodness of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, this conference was adjourned with the closing by Elder F. W. Graham.

Brother James L. Locklear, Clerk

