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MINUTES

M I N U T E S

Of The

St. Annah Original Seventy-first Annual Session Free Will Baptist Association

Of North Carolina and South Carolina

Held At

ANTIOCH CHURCH

County of Harnett, State of North Carolina

November 13, 1969

And at

ST. ANNAH CHURCH

County of Robeson, State of North Carolina

November 14, 1969

BELTON DEESE, Clerk

Route 2, Box 389

Pembroke, N. C.

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PROCEEDINGS THURSDAY MORNING

On Thursday, November 13, 1969, at 10:00 A.M., the conference assembled at Antioch Free Will Baptist Church.

Devotions were opened with songs of praise by Sister Flora Cummings and prayer by Rev. Russel Freeman. Elder J. T. Freeman brought the message. It was spiritually felt by everyone.

The house was opened for business by Elder J. T. Freeman. By motion, the business began by electing officers for the coming year, 1969-70.

Secretary	Brother Belton Deese
Moderator	Elder Chesley Oxendine
Assistant Moderator	Elder Wilton Cummings
Assistant Secretary	Brother Frank Hunt
Treasurers	Brother Clearance Graham
	Brother Carlie Jacobs
	Brother Willie Locklear

FINANCE COMMITTEES

Brother Bracy Hunt
Brother Jessie Locklear
Brother Clearance Graham

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEES

Sister Flora Cummings
Brother Roy Carter
Sister Bessie Jean Fields

PROGRAM COMMITTEES

Elder Chesley Oxendine
Elder Richard Simmons

TOPIC COMMITTEES

Rev. ^{Sister Cummings}Roy Carter
Rev. Bessie Jean Fields

COUNCIL BOARD

Brother Newton Cummings
Brother Frank Hunt
Brother James Fields

ORDAINING COMMITTEES

*Elder Chesley Oxendine
Elder Wilton Cummings
Elder Johnnie Chavis

Albert Hunt
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Devotional Committees do say that Rev. Ammons close at 12:00 noon and Elder J. T. Freeman open at 1:00 p.m.

By motion, receive this report.

By motion, Elder Johnnie Chavis be excused.

THURSDAY EVENING

The body reassembled at 1:00 p.m. Songs of praise by Elder J. T. Freeman. Prayer by Rev. Roy Carter.

The moderator called the house to order ready for business.

By motion, Secretary and Finance Committees come to table and roll can be made and letters from each church be read, fees placed on table.

ROLL CALL OF MINISTERS

Elder Chesley Oxendine, Rt. 3, Box 69, Fairmont, N. C.
Elder J. T. Freeman, Fairmont, N. C.
Elder Albert Hunt, Rt. 2, McColl, S. C.
Elder Johnnie Chavis, Rowland, N. C.
Rev. Bessie Jean Fields, Rt. 5, Lumberton, N. C.
Rev. Wilton Cummings, Rt. 1, Pembroke, N. C.
Rev. Beddie Jean Deal, Fairmont, N. C.
Rev. James Locklear, Fayetteville, N. C.
Rev. Russell Freeman, Fayetteville, N. C.
Rev. Ray Deese, Fairmont, N. C.
Rev. Rosco Oxendine, S. C.
Rev. Richard Simmons, Rt. 4, Clinton, N. C.
Rev. Roy Carter, Rt. 2, Box 21, Clinton, N. C.

ROLL CALL OF CHURCHES, CONTRIBUTIONS AND DELEGATES

Church	Delegate	Contribution
St. Annah	— Brother Carlie Jacobs	\$ 20.00
Lellers Grove	— Brother Willie Jacobs	25.00
Bay Side	— Sister Thelma Johnson	20.00
Little Zion	— Brother John C. Oxendine	15.00
Fair Point	— Brother Lonnie Deal	20.00
New Chapel	—	
Antioch	— Brother Enoch Jones	15.00
Holly Grove	— Sister Ilena Faircloth, Sister Glenda Fields	20.00
Total	\$135.00

ROLL CALL OF DEACONS OF EACH CHURCH

St. Annah

Brother Newton Cummings
Brother Clearance Graham
Brother Jessie Locklear
Brother Carlie Jacobs

Lellers Grove

Brother James Jones
Brother Willie Jacobs

Bay Side

Brother James Fields
Brother Fred Johnson
Brother Rudolph Chavis

Little Zion

Brother Willie Locklear
Brother Isaiah Locklear
Brother John Coy Oxendine

Fair Point

Brother Joseph Campbell
Brother James Clark
Brother W. R. Brayboy
Brother Bracy Hunt

New Chapel

Brother James Sherman Brewington

Antioch

Brother John Jones
Brother Claudie Groves
Brother Enoch Jones

Holly Grove

Brother Robert Jacobs
Brother Carl Brewington

By motion, receive the Roll Call and report of Finance Committees.

By motion, delegates and councils be excused for coming in late.

By motion, money be turned over to treasurer until Friday.

Devotional Committees do say that Brother Enoch Jones close at 2:00 p.m.

FRIDAY MORNING

The body reassembled at 10:00 a.m. with songs of praise by the body and prayer by Brother Carlie Jacobs. Elder Chesley Oxendine brought the message and it was spiritually felt by everyone.

The moderator called the house to order ready for business.

By motion, Secretary and Finance Committees come to the table and hear the roll call.

By motion, receive the roll call.

By motion, receive the report of Secretary and Finance Committees. This report is as follows:

Ministers offering	\$ 10.00
Church offering	135.00
Deacon offering	11.00
Total	\$156.00

By motion, receive the report.

By motion, Rev. C. E. Locklear be recognized in the conference.

By motion, Elder Johnnie Chavis be put on Trustee Board.

By motion, pay Secretary \$25 for his work.

By motion, money be placed with treasurer and Finance Committees be excused from the table.

Devotional Committees do say that Elder Johnnie Chavis close at 12:00 noon, Sister Edna Jones open at 1:00 p.m.

FRIDAY EVENING

The body met with songs of praise by Sister Edna Jones and prayer by Rev. Roy Carter. The moderator called the house to order ready for business.

By motion, Secretary come to the table and hear roll call.

By motion, Receive the roll call.

By motion, give reports of assignment of pastors to their churches.

By motion, give reports of unions and annual to the different churches.

By motion, receive these reports.

TRUSTEES FOR ST. ANNAH CONFERENCE

Elder J. T. Freeman
Elder Chesley Oxendine
Elder Johnnie Chavis

Devotional Committees do say that Elder Richard Simons do close at 2:00 p.m.

ASSIGNMENT OF PASTORS OF EACH CHURCH

St. Annah

Elder Richard Simmons, 2nd and 4th Sundays, at 11:00 a.m. (Singing every fifth Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m.)

Lellers Grove

Bay Side

Elder Johnnie Chavis, 2nd Sunday at 11:00 a.m. (Singing 1st Sunday evening, 2:30 p.m.)

Fair Point

Elder Johnnie Chavis, 1st and 3rd Sunday at 11:00 a.m. (Singing 2nd Sunday night, 7:00 p.m.)

Little Zion

Elder Johnnie Chavis, 4th Sunday at 11:00 a.m. (Singing 1st Sunday evening, 2:30 p.m.)

New Chapel

Rev. Russel Freeman, 2nd and 4th Sunday at 11:00 a.m. (Singing 4th Sunday evening, 2:30 p.m.)

Antioch

Elder Wilton Cummins, 1st and 3rd Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

Holly Grove

Elder Richard Simmons, 1st and 3rd Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

UNION MEETINGS FOR YEAR 1969-70

Holly Grove

November 29, 1969, Rev. James Locklear open at 10:00 a.m. Elder Wilton preach at 10:30 a.m.

Bay Side

March 28, 1970, Rev. Roy Carter open at 10:00 a.m. Rev. Russel Freeman preach at 10:30 a.m.

Antioch

May 30, 1970, Elder Wilton Cummings open at 10:00 a.m. Elder Chesley Oxendine preach at 10:30 a.m.

Lellers Grove

August 29, 1970, Elder J. T. Freeman open at 10:00 a.m. Rev. Roy Carter preach at 10:30 a.m.

TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION AT EACH UNION

November 29, 1969

Peace with God by Faith—Rev. Bessie Jean Fields.

March 28, 1970

Tithes—Rev. Roy Carter.

May 30, 1970

Hell—Elder Richard Simmons.

August 29, 1970

Bride and Groom—Brother Newton Cummings.

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE

November 12, 1970 — Fair Point, Elder Johnnie Chavis open at 10:00 a.m. Elder Richard Simmons will preach at 10:30 a.m.

November 13, 1970 — St. Annah, Elder Richard Simmons open at 10:00 a.m. Elder J. T. Freeman preach at 10:30 a.m.

TREASURY REPORT NOV. 15, 1969

Collected in this conference	\$156.00
Expenses	25.00
Go to treasury	131.00
In Savings Account	574.81
On Checking Account	526.74
Total	\$1101.55

ORDERS OF THE UNIONS

Devotion at 10:00 a.m. Messenger of the Hour at 10:30 a.m. Prayer.

Scripture lesson by the moderator and comments.

Moderator then call the house to order ready for business.

By motion, Secretary come to the table and call the roll.

AT 12:00 NOON

Afternoon devotion.

The moderator read the Scripture lesson and give comments and announcements.

Moderator call the house to order ready for business.

By motion, Secretary come to the table and call the roll.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS

St. Annah

Brother Beiton Deese, Rt. 2, Box 389, Pembroke, N. C., telephone 521-9227.

Bay Side

Brother James P. Fields, Lumberton, N. C.

Lellers Grove

Brother Willie Jacobs, Fayetteville, N. C.

Fair Point

Brother Thedford Hunt, Rt. 3, Box 15, Fairmont, N. C.

Little Zion

Brother Willie Locklear, Rt. 2, Box 123A, Laurinburg, N. C.

New Chapel

Brother James Sherman Brewington, Lumberton, N. C.

Antioch

Brother Jason Jones, Rt. 4, Dunn, N. C.

Holly Grove

Brother Robert Jacobs, Rt. 2, Clinton, N. C.

BY-LAWS AND RULES OF THE CONFERENCE

The Annual Conference appointed a Council Board for the purpose of protecting the interest of the St. Annah Free Will Baptist Conference.

Their duties are as follows:

1. Appoint three men that believe whole heartedly in Free Will Baptist Doctrine.
2. These three men must be capable of doing a good job.
3. A minister must not be a member of this Council Board.
4. The Council must make a thorough investigation of any minister who desires to join the conference. They may approve or disapprove of him, according to his faith and record.
5. The Council should settle problems that may originate between the pastor and his church if the church fails to make a settlement with him.
6. A minister who leaves this conference and joins another profession of faith must come before the Council Board before he can return to this conference.
7. The treasurer has the power, if a minister or deacon comes to him for aid, to write a check without going to the Conference.
8. No person is to speak on any one thing more than two times in a Conference.

BY-LAWS CONCERNING THE CHURCHES AND DEACONS

1. All churches must come to the rules and regulations of the conference to be orthodox.
2. If any member goes contrary he must be tried by his church.
3. All Sunday Schools should be governed by the Superintendent. They must approve the Superintendent in its conference.
4. No church is required to deed its property to this conference.
5. Any church letter having been read and voted that they are in fellowship is entitled to pass in the Union Meetings, the Annual Conference.
6. Ministers from other conference should be in good standing with the conference 2 or 4 years to be eligible for moderator.

7. No member or minister may be an officer of the law.
8. Any person must be orthodox with his church to hold any office in said conference
9. Each church should be an independent body, governed by the officials. ~~CONFERENCE~~
10. Any church that has its pastor and wishes to become a member of the Conference, must be approved by the Council Board before he can be ordained. He can serve his church, but he cannot pastor any other church for a period of twelve months. All other laws apply.
11. Each pastor must be governed by the deacons.
12. Each church should have three or more deacons or deaconesses.
13. Any organization or any business is prohibited to be carried on in the church unless the members are orthodox in their church.
14. Qualifications of a deacon: He must be loyal to his church. He must have an honest and good report of his character. If he walks disorderly before the church, he must be tried by his church. He may be set aside for further consideration.

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OUR DEAD

Elder J. A. Maynor	1933
He was the founder of this conference.	
Elder James Johnson	1933
Elder S. S. Jones	1939
Brother Alton Strickland	1940
Elder M. B. Emanuel	1941
Brother J. C. Oxendine	1944
Brother Pinkey	1944
Brother Robert Brewington	1945
Brother Tommy L. Freeman	1950
Brother Jessie Locklear	1953
Brother M. S. Hunt	1955
Elder Neal Hunt	1958
Brother Marvin McGirt	1960
Brother Bill Cummings	1965
Brother John Maynor	1950
Brother David Locklear	1968

Brother Strickland was a deacon of Sycamore Hill Church.

Brother Oxendine was a deacon of Hickory Hill Church.

Brother Brewington was a deacon of Antioch Church.

Brother M. S. Hunt was a deacon of Bay Side Church.

Brother McGirt was a deacon of Bay Side Church.

Brother Cummings was a deacon of Bay Side Church.

TO THE 71ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE
ST. ANNAH ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

We the willing workers of Fair Point Free Will Baptist. We sisters organized this organization to help the sick only. Nine months ago, Sister D. B. Oxendine was elected chairman. Sister Mae Bell Deal was elected secretary. Sister Euely Freeman and Sister Mary Bell Oxendine were elected treasurers. We meet twice each month in different homes. Each member takes a covered dish for supper. After the program and prayer, each one has supper. Each member takes a donation in canned goods for the Lord's Barrel. We have helped several sick families for a year. And we were glad to help them in their distress. We were glad to help them in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. We have around two hundred dollars in our treasury.

We the willing workers are asking the Annual Conference to put this in the minutes. We ask the Conference to accept our letter in love and to pray for us.

Sister D. B. Oxendine

Sister Mae Bell Deal

ANNUAL REPORT OF CHURCHES

Name of Church	Church Fees	Del. Fees	Total	Paid Pastor This Year	To Pay Pastor Next Year	Value of Church Property	Given to Sick	No. Church Members	No. In S. S.
St. Annah	\$15.00	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$267.00	\$400.00	\$7,000.00	\$68.19	42	100
Lellers Grove	\$20.00	\$5.00	\$25.00			\$6,000.00	\$25.00		55
Little Zion	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$15.00	\$187.50		\$4,000.00	\$70.49	33	116
New Chapel									
Fair Point	\$15.00	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$500.00	\$1200.00	\$8,900.00	\$257.40	48	180
Bay Side	\$15.00	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$300.00	\$200.00	\$4,000.00	\$126.62	23	50
Antioch	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$15.00	\$160.00	\$240.00	\$3,000.00	\$40.00	28	40
Holly Grove	\$14.00	\$6.00	\$20.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$25,000.00	\$100.00	35	55

