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PROCEEDINGS FRIDAY MORNING

On Friday, November 19, 1971 at 10:00 A. M. the Conference assembled at Holly Grove Free Will Baptist Church.

Devotions were opened with songs of praise by Elder Johnnie Chavis and prayer by Elder Johnnie Chavis. Reverend Roy Carter read the Scripture lesson and Elder Wilton Cummings brought the message.

It was spiritually felt by everyone.

The house was open for business by Elder J. T. Freeman. Elder Richard Simmons was appointed chairman of the meeting. By motion the business began by electing officers for the coming year, 1971 - 1972.

Secretary	Brother Belton Deese
Assistant Secretary	Rev. Bessie Jean Fields
Moderator	Elder Johnnie Chavis
Assistant Moderator	Elder Richard Simmons
Treasurers	Brother Clearence Graham Brother Carlie Jacobs Elder Chesly Oxendine
Finance Committee	Brother Bracy Hunt Brother Jessie Locklear Brother Clearence Graham
Devotional Committee	Sister Flora Cummings Rev. Bessie Jean Fields
Program Committee	Elder Chesley Oxendine Elder Wilton Cummings.
Topic Committee	Elder Wilton Cummings Rev. Bessie Jean Fields
Council Board	Brother Newton Cummings Brother Frank Hunt Brother James Field
Ordaining Committee	Elder Johnnie Chavis Elder Wilton Cummings Elder Albert Hunt

Devotional Committee says that Brother Felix Deal close at 12:00 and Sister Bernice Graham open at 1:15 P. M.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The body reassembled at 1:15 P. M. with songs of praise by Sister Bernice Graham and prayer by Rev. Bessie Jean Fields.

The Moderator read the Scripture lesson and called the house to order and ready for business.

By motion, Secretary and Finance Committee come to the table and roll call made and letters from each church read, and Fees placed on the table. By motion Elder Chesley Oxendine and Brother James Locklear sit in as Finance Committee.

By motion Rev. Rosco Oxendine's name be taken off ministers roll.

By motion Brother Willie Jacobs' name be taken off Deacons roll from Lellers Grove Church.

Roll Call of Ministers

- 1 Elder J. T. Freeman, Fairmont, N. C.
- 2 Elder Chesley Oxendine, Route 2, Box 69, Fairmont, N. C.
- 3 Elder Albert Hunt, Route 2, McColl, S. C.
- 4 Elder Johnnie Chavis, Rowland, N. C.
- 5 Elder Richard Simmons, Route 4, Clinton, N. C. *Elder Roy Carter*
- 6 Elder Wilton Cummings, Route 1, Pembroke, N. C.
- 7 Reverend Bessie Jean Fields, Route 5, Lumberton, N. C.
- 8 Reverend Beddie Jean Deal, Fairmont, N. C.
- 3 Reverend James Locklear, Fayetteville, N. C.
- 4 Reverend Russell Freeman, Fayetteville, N. C.
- 5 Reverend Ray Deese, Fairmont, N. C.
- 6 Reverend James Campbell, Fairmont, N. C.
- 7 Reverend James H. Locklear, McColl, S. C.
- 8 Reverend Bonnie Locklear, McColl, S. C.
- 9 ~~Reverend Roy Carter, Clinton, N. C.~~
- 10 Reverend John Coy Oxendine

Roll Call of Churches, Contributions, and Delegates

Churches	Delegates	Contributions
St. Annah	Brother Carlie Jacobs	\$20.00
Lellers Grove	Brother Melvin Locklear	\$20.00
Bay Side	Sister Bertha Werrings	\$20.00
Little Zion	Brother Isaiah Locklear	\$20.00
Fair Point	Brother Felix Deal	\$20.00
Antioch	Brother Ernest Carter	\$25.00
Holly Grove	Brother Earl Fields	\$15.00
Total		\$140.00

Roll Call of Deacons of Each Church

St. Annah

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

Lellers Grove

Brother James Jones
 Brother Melvin Locklear

Fair Point

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

Holly Grove

Brother Carl Brewington

Bay Side

Brother James Fields
 Brother Fred Johnson
 Brother Rudolph Chavis

Little Zion

Brother Willie Locklear
 Brother Isaiah Locklear
~~Brother John Coy Oxendine~~

Antioch

Brother John Jones
 Brother Claudie Grove
 Brother Enoch Jones

Zelfard Hunt
Edgest Hunt

Earl Fields
Don Carter

By motion receive the roll call and report of the Finance Committee.

By motion, money be turned over to Treasurer until Saturday and Finance Committee be excused from table.

Devotion Committee agrees that Elder Albert Hunt close at 2:30 P. M.

Saturday Morning

The body reassembled at 10:00 A. M. with songs of praise by Rev. Beddie Jean Deal and prayer by Elder Wilton Cummings. Elder Albert Hunt brought the message. It was spiritually felt by everyone.

The Moderator called the house to order ready for business.

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

By motion receive the roll call.

By motion hear the report of Finance Committee. This report is as follows:

Minister's offering	\$ 6.00
Church's offering	\$140.00
Deacon's offering	<u>\$ 8.75</u>
Total	\$154.75

By motion receive this report.

By motion Rev. James H. Locklear and Bonnie Locklear names be placed on the Ministers Roll.

By motion pay Secretary \$25.00 for his work.

By motion the money be placed with Treasurer and Finance Committee be excused from the table.

By motion Elder J. T. Freeman and Elder Chesley Oxendine be excused from Saturday afternoon session.

By motion Rev. Cretch be made welcome to the Conference. Devotional Committee agree that Brother Prather Freeman close at 12:00 noon and Sister Beddie Jean Deal open at 1:00 P. M.

Saturday Afternoon

The body met with songs of praise by Reverend Beddie Jean Deal and prayer by Brother Felex Deal. The moderator called the house to order ready for business.

By motion secretary come to the table and hear the roll call.

By motion receive the roll call.

By motion Brother Newton Cummings be excused.

By motion keep the same council board.

By motion No. 11 By-Law be taken out.

By motion keep the same Trustees.

Trustees for St. Annah Conference

Elder J. T. Freeman

Elder Chesley Oxendine

Elder Johnnie Chavis

Devotional Committee agrees that Brother Felex Deal and wife close at 2:15 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 2:00 P. M.)

Lellers Grove

2nd and 4th Sundays at 11:00 A. M.
(Singing every 2nd Sunday afternoon at 2:00 P. M.)

Bay Side

Elder J. T. Freeman, 1st and 3rd Sunday at 11:00 A. M.
(Singing every 1st Sunday afternoon at 2:00 P. M.)

Fair Point

Elder Jonnie Chavis, 1st and 3rd Sunday at 11:00 A. M.
(Singing 2nd Sunday night at 7:00 P. M.)

Little Zion

Elder Jonnie Chavis, 4th Sunday at 11:00 A. M.
(Singing 1st Sunday afternoon at 2:00 P. M.)

Antioch

Elder Wilton Cummings, 1st and 3rd Sunday at 11:00 A. M.

Holly Grove

Reverend Roy Carter, 1st and 3rd Sunday at 11:00 A. M.

Union Meetings for Year 1971-1972

St. Annah

January 29, 1972 Reverend Bessie Jean Fields open at 10:00 A. M.
Elder Johnnie Chavis preach at 10:30 A. M.

Topic: The Under Shepherd, and his duty to the Church-Brother Newton Cummings.

Holly Grove

April 29, 1972 Elder Wilton Cummings open at 10:00 A. M. Reverend Roy Carter preach at 10:30 A. M.

Topic: Sin – Reverend Bessie Jean Fields

Bay Side

July 29, 1972 Reverend Nathen Oxendine open at 10:00 A. M. Elder Richard Simmons preach at 10:30 A. M.

Topic: Life after Death – Brother William C. Groves.

Antioch

October 28, 1972 Elder Wilton Cummings open at 10:00 A. M. Reverend Nathan Oxendine preach at 10:30 A. M.

Topic: The Value of Prayer – Reverend Roy Carter.

Annual Conference

Fairpoint

November 17, 1972 Elder Johnnie Chavis open at 10:00 A. M. Elder J. T. Freeman preach at 10:30 A. M.

Lellers Grove

November 18, 1972 Elder J. T. Freeman open at 10:00 A. M. Elder Chesley Oxendine preach at 10:30 A. M.

Treasury Report – November 19, 1971

Collected in this Conference	\$154.75
Expenses	25.00
In Savings Account	628.04
In Checking Account	964.57
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Total	\$1,592.61

Orders of the Unions

Devotion at 10:00 A. M. Message 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.

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 Belton Deese
Route 2, Box 389
Pembroke, N. C.

Bay Side

Brother James Fields
Lumberton, N. C.

Lellers Grove

Brother James Locklear
McColl, S. C.

Fair Point

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

Little Zion

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

Antioch

Brother W. C. Groves
Route 4
Dunn, N. C.

Holly Grove

Brother Carl Brewington
Route 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.

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 record and faith.
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.

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 Unions and Annual Meetings.
6. Ministers from other Conference should be in good standing with the Conference 2 to 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.
10. Any church that has its Pastor and wishes to become a member of this Conference must be approved by the Council Board before he can be ordained. He can serve his church but he can't pastor any other church for a period of twelve months, all other laws apply.
11. Each church should have three or more Deacons or Deaconesses.
12. Any organization or any business is prohibited to be carried on in the church unless the members are orthodox in their church.
13. 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.

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. Emmanuel	1941
Brother J. G. Simmons	1962
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
 Brother Simmons was a deacon of Holly Grove Church

**To the Saint Annah Original
 Seventy-Second Annual Session
 Free Will Baptist Association**

We the Brotherhood of Fair Point Free Will Baptist Church of Fairmont have organized and set up a Brotherhood organization.

President	Elder J. T. Freeman
Vice President	Brother Thedford Hunt
Secretary	Brother W. R. Brayboy
Treasurer	Brother Prather Freeman
Program Committee	Brother Joseph Campbell Brother Felix Deal Brother Thedford Hunt

Time and place of meetings are every Sunday night before the Second Sunday at Fair Point Church, Fairmont, N. C. We donate to this Association \$5.00 for purposes of placement in the minutes. We ask the Conference to accept this letter in love and prayer for us.

President: J. T. Freeman
 Secretary: Brother W. R. Brayboy

Willing Workers of Fair Point Church

To the Seventy-Second Annual Session Free Will Baptist Association

We the Willing Workers of Fair Point Free Will Baptist Church of Fairmont organized our program on November 30, 1970.

President	Sister Clara Oxendine
Vice President	Sister Bertha Jones
Clerk	Sister Mae Bell Deal
Treasurer	Sister Mary Bell Oxendine

We sisters meet twice a month, every first and third Friday nights in various homes. Each member takes different kinds of can goods, and puts them in a barrel for needy families.

We have helped 35 needy families in the amount of \$200.00. We Willing Workers have helped seven patients with a contribution. We ask this conference to accept our work in love and pray for us. May God bless all of you.

Elder Chesley Oxendine
 Advisor Committee

ANNUAL REPORT OF CHURCHES

Name of churches	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	\$400.00	\$500.00	\$7,000.00	\$170.34	34	125
Lellers Grove	\$15.00	\$5.00	\$20.00			\$10,000.00	\$ 50.00	30	90 20
Little Zion	\$15.00	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$4,000.00	\$100.40	27	116 20
Fair Point	\$15.00	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$8,500.00	\$329.43	69	200 25
Bay Side	\$15.00	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$5,000.00	\$222.82	20	50 20
Antioch	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$15.00	\$349.50	\$300.00	\$3,000.00	\$ 86.50	28	60 20
Holly Grove	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$15.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$10,000.00	\$150.00	42	62 20

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