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PROCEEDING THURSDAY MORNING

On Thursday, November 12, 1970 at 10:00 A. M., the Conference Assembled at Fair Point Free Will Baptist Church.

Devotions were opened with Songs of Praise by Brother Bracy Hunt and Prayer by Elder Chasley Oxendine. Elder Richard Simmons brought the message. It was spiritually felt by everyone.

The house was opened for business by Elder Richard Simmons. By motion, the business began by electing officers for the coming year 1970-1971.

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

Devotional Committee says that Elder Johnnie Chavis close at 12:00 and Reverend James Locklear open at 1:00 P. M.

THURSDAY EVENING

The body reassembled at 1:00 P. M.

Songs of praise by Rev. James Locklear

Prayer by Rev. James Locklear

The moderator brought the Scripture lesson from the book of James.

The moderator called the house to order ready for business:

By motion, Secretary and Finance Committees came to the table and roll call made and letters from each church read, fees placed on the table.

Roll Call of Ministers

Elder J. T. Freeman, Fairmont, N. C.

Elder Chesley Oxendine, Route 3, Box 69, Fairmont, N. C.

Elder Albert Hunt, Route 2, McColl, S. C.

Elder Johnnie Chavis, Rowland, N. C.

Elder Richard Simmons, Route 4, Clinton, N. C.

Elder Wilton Cummings, Route 1, Pembroke, N. C.

Reverend Bessie Jean Fields, Route 5, Lumberton, N. C.

Reverend Beddie Jean Deal, Fairmont, N. C.

Reverend James Locklear, Fayetteville, N. C.

Reverend Russel Freeman, Fayetteville, N. C.

Reverend Ray Deese, Fairmont, N. C.

Reverend Rosco Oxendine, S. C.

Reverend James Campbell, Fairmont, N. C.

Roll Call of Churches, Contributions, and Delegates

Churches	Delegates	Contributions
St. Annah	Brother Carlie Jacobs	\$20.00
Lellers Grove	Sister Ora P. Moore	\$25.00
Bay Side	Brother Gus Studway	\$20.00
Little Zion	Brother Isaiah Locklear	\$15.00
Fair Point	Brother Lonnie Deal	\$20.00
Antioch	Brother Enoch Jones	\$25.00
Holly Grove	Sister Cora L. Faircloth	<u>\$15.00</u>
	Sister Donnie Jacobs	
	Total	\$140.00

Roll Call of Deacons of Each Church

St. Annah

Brother Newton Cummings

Brother Clearence Graham

Brother Jessie Locklear

Lellers Grove

Brother James Jones

Brother Willie Jacobs

Bay Side

Brother James Fields
Brother Fred Johnson
Brother Rudolph Chavis

Fair Point

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

Little Zion

Brother Willie Locklear
Brother Isaiah Locklear
Brother John Coy Oxendine

Antioch

Brother John Jones
Brother Claudie Grove
Brother Enoch Jones

Holly Grove

Brother Robert Jacobs
Brother Carl Brewington

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

By motion, receive work of Willing Workers of Fair Point Church are put in the minutes.

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

Devotional Committee agrees that Brother Enoch Jones will 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 Elder J. T. Freeman. The Moderator 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 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.

Ministers Offering	\$10.00
Church Offering	\$140.00
Deacons Offering	<u>\$10.00</u>
Total	\$160.00

By motion receive this report

By motion the Conference would accept work from Brotherhood Workers of Fair Point Church to be put in minutes.

The Willing Workers and the Brotherhood Workers of Fair Point Church paid \$8.00 to the Conference.

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.

Devotional Committee agrees that Brother Lonnie Deal will close at 12:00 noon and Brother Clearence Graham open at 1:00 P. M.

Friday Evening

The body met with Songs of Praise by the body and Prayer by Brother Clearence Graham. 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 give reports of assignment of Pastors to their Churches.

By motion give reports of Unions and Annuals to the different Churches.

By motion receive their reports.

By motion keep the same Trustees for the year 1970-1971.

Trustees for St. Annah Conference

Elder J. T. Freeman

Elder Chesley Oxendine

Elder Johnnie Chavis

Devotional Committee agrees that Reverend Roy Carter 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 2:00 P. M.)

Lellers Grove

Elder Richard Simmons, 4th Sunday afternoon at 4:00 P. M.
(Singing every 2nd Sunday afternoon at 2:00 P. M.)

Bay Side

Elder J. T. Freeman, 2nd and 4th Sunday at 11:00 A. M.
(Singing every 1st Sunday afternoon at 2:00 P. M.)

Fair Point

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

Little Zion

Elder Johnnie 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

Elder Richard Simmons, 1st and 3rd Sunday at 11:00 A. M.

Union Meetings for Year 1970-1971

Bay Side

November 28, 1970 Reverend Bessie Jean Fields open at 10:00 A. M.

Reverend James Locklear preach at 10:30 A. M.

Topic — Duties and Qualifications of Deacons — Elder Wilton Cummings

Fair Point

January 30, 1971 Reverend Russel Freeman open at 10:00 A. M., Rev.
Roy Carter preach at 10:30 A. M.
Topic — Sanctification — Elder Richard Simmons

St. Annah

May 29, 1971, Elder Albert Hunt open at 10:00 A. M., Elder Johnnie
Chavis will preach at 10:30 A. M.
Topic — The Work of the Devil — Reverend Roy Carter

Antioch

August 28, 1971, Reverend James Locklear open at 10:00 A. M., Elder
Chesley Oxendine preach at 10:30 A. M.
Topic — The Great Prophet, John the Baptist — Brother Newton Cummings

Lellers Grove

October 30, 1971, Elder Richard Simmons open at 10:00 A. M., Elder
J. T. Freeman preach at 10:30 A. M.
Topic — Closed Doors — Reverend Bessie Jean Fields

Annual Conference

Holly Grove

November 19, 1971, Reverend Roy Carter will open at 10:00 A. M., Elder
Wilton Cummings preach at 10:30 A. M.

Little Zion

November 20, 1971, Reverend Beddie Jean Deal open at 10:00 A. M.
Elder Albert Hunt preach at 10:30 A. M.

Treasury Report — November 13, 1970

Collected in this Conference	\$168.00
Expenses	\$ 60.00
Go to Treasury	\$108.00
In Savings Account	\$600.46
On Checking Account	<u>\$554.16</u>
Total	\$1,262.62

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.

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 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 Willie Jacobs
Fayetteville, N. 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 Jason Jones
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.

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 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.
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 School 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 meetings and Annual Conference.
6. Ministers from other Conferences 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 the 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 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. Qualification 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. 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 Saint Annah Original
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Free Will Baptist Association**

We the Brotherhood of Fair Point Free Will Baptist Church of Fairmont has 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 Saturday 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 pray 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 different 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	\$400.00	\$7,000.00	\$91.00	42	100
Lellers Grove	\$20.00	\$5.00	\$25.00		\$150.00	\$8,000.00	\$85.00	20	80
Little Zion	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$15.00	\$100.00	\$250.00	\$4,000.00	\$66.44	27	116
Fair Point	\$15.00	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$8,500.00	\$443.25	69	200
Bay Side	\$15.00	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$5,000.00	\$222.82	20	50
Antioch	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$15.00	\$333.20	\$300.00	\$3,000.00	\$30.00	28	40
Holly Grove	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$15.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$2,500.00	\$150.00	42	55

