

*Minutes*  
OF THE  
*Seventh Annual Session*  
OF THE  
**CALIFORNIA**  
**STATE ASSOCIATION**  
OF  
*Free Will Baptists*

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**APRIL 19 - 21, 1950**

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**OFFICERS**

Moderator, Rev. F. A. McCage, 1208 Eugene Ave., Modesto, California.

Ass't. Moderator, Rev. Geo. W. McLain, 440 So. 24th St., Richmond, California.

Clerk and Treasurer, Winnie McLain, 440 So. 24th St., Richmond, California.

Ass't Clerk, Rev. O. H. Doss, P.O. Box 61, Kerman, Calif.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Rev. George W. McLain (5 yrs.) 440 So. 24th St., Richmond, California.

Rev. O. H. Doss, (4 yrs.) P.O. Box 61, Kerman, California

Rev. F. A. McCage, (3 yrs.) 1208 Eugene Ave., Modesto, California.

Rev. H. E. Dixon (2 yrs.) Rt. 1, Box 282, Arvin, California.

Rev. Austin Deaton (1 yr.) 2113 E. Calif., Bakersfield, Calif.

The next session of the State Association will be held at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Leo and Sam Avenues, Modesto, California, on Wednesday night after the second Sunday in June (June 13, 1951).

## PROCEEDINGS

### Wednesday Night

The Seventh Annual Session of the California State Association of Free Will Baptists opened with singing led by Wilburn Holiday and Rev. Loyd Reddick, Taft.

Invocation by Rev. Ralph Hampton, Porterville.

Rev. George McLain, Richmond, led a spiritual testimony service.

Coeta Shelton, Turlock and Geta Montgomery, Turlock, sang a special.

Rev. J. R. Evans, Porterville, was introduced by the moderator, Rev. F. A. McCage, for the introductory message. Rev. Evans read II Tim. 4:1-5 for a Scripture lesson. His subject was "The Things We Should Retain". It was an inspiring message.

After the service the delegates were assigned homes by host pastor, Rev. Emmett R. Clagg. Benediction by Pete Conner, Richmond.

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### Thursday Morning

Services opened with singing led by Rev. Delmer Scroggins, Parlier. Prayer by Rev. J. D. Rowlett, Farmersville.

Rev. J. L. Waltman, Turlock, read II Tim. 1:1-14 for a scripture lesson. Prayer by Rev. Winston Lawless, Pixley.

Letters were called for, read, accepted and delegates seated as follows: Golden Gate, Center, and Southern Associations.

Temporary pulpit committee was appointed by moderator as follows: Lester Kyle, John Hall, Pete Conner. They reported that Rev. Delmer Scroggins followed by Rev. O. H. Doss would preach at eleven o'clock service.

Officers were elected as follows:

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Ass't Clerk - Rev. O. H. Doss, P.O. Box 61, Kerman, Calif.

Motion carried that Clerk act as Treasurer.

Motion carried that Moderator and Ass't. Moderator appoint committees.

Rules of Order were read by Assistant Moderator.

Visiting brethren, Rev. I. W. Yandell and son DeArthur Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, were welcomed.

**Committees were appointed as follows:**

**Finance Committee**

R. L. Groves  
Elva Scantling

**Pulpit Committee**

Emmett Clagg  
Lester Kyle  
John Hall  
Pete Conner  
J. Q. Moore  
Dewey Cummings

**Business Committee**

Ralph Hampton  
L. L. Davis  
A. R. Deaton  
J. L. Waltman  
A. E. Woolery  
J. R. Evans

**Obituary Committee**

Ellen Cox  
I. B. Wilson  
Bessie Ussery  
Dewey Cummings  
Coeta Shelton

Emmett Gray  
R. C. Watts  
Zella Ramsey

**Resolution Committee**

H. E. Dixon  
Norman Cathey  
J. E. Bridges  
J. S. Cox  
T. N. Huddleston

**Temperance Committee**

Delmer Scroggins  
Bertha Dorey  
Teddie Thurman  
J. M. Chappell  
J. E. Bridges

**Publication Committee**

D. J. Rowlett  
P. E. Lambert  
W. A. Huddleston  
Geta Montgomery  
J. L. Waltman

**Sunday School Committee**

James Gullett

Juanita Miller

J. A. Mize

L. E. Buchanon

**Mission Committee**

Winston Lawless

Nancy Smith

R. S. Johns

Ann Barker

Jasper Gates

**Auxiliary Committee**

Cleo Doss

Zella Ramsey

Coeta Shelton

Teddie Thurman

Ann Barker

Bertha Findley

**League Committee**

Doice McAlister

Randall Fry

Cleo Doss

Luther Knight

Orville Thurman

Jess Puett

Benediction by Rev. I. W. Yandell.

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**Eleven A. M. Service**

Opened with singing led by Lester Kyle, Exeter.

Prayer by Rev. Emmett Clagg, Bakersfield.

Rev. Delmer Scroggins, Parlier, preached reading Matt. 1:18-25 for his Scripture lesson, subject "The Virgin Birth of Christ". Rev. O. H. Doss, Kerman, followed using for his subject "Christ the Answer".

A christian handshake was given Rev. J. R. Evans, Rev. Delmer Scroggins and Rev. O. H. Doss in appreciation for their good messages.

Benediction by Rev. Orville Woolery, Selma.

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**Thursday Afternoon**

Opened with singing led by Rev. Delman Scroggins.

Rev. Orville Thurman, Bakersfield, read Romans 8:1-5 for the devotional.

Prayer by J. Q. Moore.

Clerk and Treasurer's report accepted.

Report of Clerk of Ministers Conference accepted.

Reports of Finance and League Committees accepted.  
(See reports.)

Report of Obituary Committee accepted with silent prayer concluded by Rev. George McLain. (See reports.)

Invitation from Modesto Church accepted for the state association of 1951.

Rev. O. H. Doss, Kerman, was elected introductory speaker for the next association and Norman Cathey as alternate.

Motion carried that Moderator appoint delegates to National Association. The delegates appointed were Winnie McLain, Zella Ramsey, Bertha Evans, Cleo Doss, J. Q. Moore, J. S. Cox, Lucille Hampton, Randall Fry. Alternates were Lee Ramsey, Dewey Cummings, Emmett Clagg, J. M. Chappell, R. C. Watts, Aline Lawless, Lester Kyle and Pete Conner.

Pulpit Committee reported that Rev. I. W. Yandell would preach at night service with Randall Fry conducting the devotional service.

Resolution number 1 was adopted. (See reports.)

Resolution number 2 was adopted. (See reports.) Mrs. Cleo Doss was elected state reporter.

Resolution number 3 was adopted.

Rev. A. R. Deaton gave an oral report of the state executive board.

Rev. George McLain was elected a member of the state executive board (5 years).

Auxiliary committee report accepted. (See reports.)

Publication committee report was accepted. (See reports.)

Mission committee report was adopted. (See reports.)

Adjourned until nine A. M., Friday.

Benediction by Rev. A. R. Deaton.



## **Thursday Night Service**

Opened with singing led by Coeta Shelton and Rev. L. C. Florence.

United prayer by Ministers and Deacons.

Special Number "An Empty Mansion" was arranged by Rev. Bill Mize, Tulare.

Special Number "Give Them Flowers While They Live" was arranged by Rev. H. A. Lewis, Santa Paula.

Randall Fry led the praise service with the presence of the Lord being felt throughout the service.

Special Number "The Lord Heard Somebody Pray" was arranged by Rev. Loyd Reddick.

Special Number "Let Me Lose Myself and Find It Lord in Thee" was arranged by Coeta Shelton.

Rev. I. W. Yandell, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma preached. His subject was "Uniform Plan of Salvation". His scriptures were I Cor. 15:1-2, I Peter 1:9, Ecclesiastes 9:10. After the wonderful message two souls were saved.

Handshake of appreciation was given Rev. I. W. Yandell and an offering of \$20.55 was given him.

Pulpit committee reported that Rev. H. A. Lewis followed by Rev. Ralph Hampton would preach at the eleven o'clock hour Friday.

Benediction by D. G. Lynch.

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## **Friday Morning Session**

Opened with singing led by Rev. O. D. Scroggins.

Doice McAlister, Kerman, read Heb. 2:1-3 for the scripture lesson.

Prayer by Odell Walls.

Business committee report No. 1 adopted.

Temperance committee report accepted.

Motion carried that 500 minutes be printed.

Motion carried that clerk have minutes printed where she can get the best job done.

Resolution number 4 was adopted.

Business committee report number 2 was carried.

Resolution number 5 was adopted.

By-Laws to govern Progressive Building Fund were adopted.

Progressive Building Fund Board was elected to serve as follows: Winston Lawless (5 years), Ralph Hampton (4 years), George McLain (3 years), J. R. Evans (2 years), and L. L. Davis (1 year).

Pulpit committee reported that Rev. J. D. Rowlett followed by Rev. L. C. Florence, Delano, would preach at night service.

Adjourned until next session to meet at Modesto Church, June 13, 1951.

Benediction by Rev. F. A. McCage.

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### **Friday Eleven O'clock Service**

Opened with singing a special number "Precious Memories".

Rev. H. A. Lewis, Santa Paula, brought the message. His subject was "Christ, Both Rich and Poor". Scripture Isaiah 53:1-6, Text II Cor. 8:9. Rev. Ralph Hampton concluded the service preaching on "Benefactors of Christ", Gal. 4:5.

Benediction.

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Golden Gate Association meets at Turlock Church, Landers and "C" Streets, on Thursday night May 24, 1951.

Center Association meets at Kerman Church, Second and "C" Streets, Kerman, on Thursday night May 17, 1951.



Southern Association meets at Arvin Church, Arvin, on Thursday night May 10, 1951.

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Resolution No. 1 — Be it resolved that the State Association be held Wednesday night after the second Sunday in June. We recommend that each church elect their pastor in May.

Resolution No. 2 — Be it resolved that a state reporter be elected and that all churches and individuals cooperate with the reporter.

Resolution No. 3 — Be it resolved that the Associations meet on the following dates:

Southern — Thursday night May 10, 1951.

Center — Thursday night May 17, 1951.

Golden Gate — Thursday night May 24, 1951.

State — Wednesday night June 13, 1951.

Resolution No. 4 — Be it resolved that if the duly elected delegates are not present at the beginning of the business session that the alternates taking their place serve throughout the session.

Resolution No. 5 — Be it resolved that this church be given a standing vote of thanks for their fine hospitality.

### **Business Committee**

Report No. 1 — We recommend "The Small Voice" (Free Will Baptist Publication) be adopted as a state paper for California, supporting it with our subscriptions and news material.

Report No. 2 — We recommend that no Free Will Baptist Church in California call any minister as pastor who is not recognized, or can not secure recommendation from the California State Minister's and Deacons Conference.

### **Temperance Committee**

We should abstain from places of worldly amusement and strive to not patronize places that sell intoxicating drinks; that we provide some kind of clean entertainment and social activities for our children and teach them the Kingdom of God first. We believe we should be temperate in all things. We urge our people to oppose any and all encroachments of intemperate business in the vicinity of our churches and homes.

## **Obituary Committee**

We find there have been two (2) deaths in the Golden Gate Association, five (5) in the Southern Association, and six (6) deaths in the Center Association, making a total of thirteen (13) deaths.

## **Publication Committee**

We recommend that the clerk of each church or duly elected reporter cooperate with the state reporter by sending news of progress of their church each month.

## **Finance Committee**

We recommend that this Association pay former Clerk, Delmer Priest \$17.06 which we owe him for last years minutes. We further recommend that the clerk notify the churches to send in an offering for minute fund.

We report that Southern Association paid \$55.05, Center Association \$55.00, and Golden Gate Association \$55.00 for expense. Churches sending offerings were Richmond \$15.00, Modesto \$5.00, Hanford \$5.00, Porterville \$5.00, Orange Cove \$3.64, Parlier \$3.00, Bakersfield \$2.50, and Women's Auxiliary \$15.00. Total \$222.69.

## **Mission Committee**

Seeing that the State of California is a great Mission field for Free Will Baptists and inasmuch as we need an extension program which would receive the support of every church, we recommend that this state association adopt the plan, or one similar, to the Progressive Building Fund adopted by the Southern Association. We submit the following Rules and By-Laws governing Progressive Building Fund:

1. This fund shall be composed of voluntary members, each member to pay (\$1.00) one dollar as membership fee and (\$1.00) one dollar every three months thereafter.

2. This fund shall have a Board of five Supervisors including a Secretary Treasurer to be elected by this State Association. One on this board shall be elected annually.

3. The Treasurer must be able to make a substantial bond, if necessary.

4. The Money raised in the Fund may be used to help any new Church secure a building, building material or property on which to build, provided said church is an orthodox Free Will Baptist Church and a member of the

State Association of Free Will Baptist of the State of California.

5. Such building or real estate to be purchased must be approved by the Board of Supervisors.

6. This money may also be used to assist other Churches of the State Association of Free Will Baptist which have their building but may be having financial difficulties.

7. No church or churches may receive aid from this fund without first agreeing to repay all money received, according to their ability to do so. Thus creating a revolving fund to be used to the Glory of God and the advancement of the Gospel.

8. All requests for aid shall be made to the Sec.-Treas. of the fund. The Sec. shall in turn notify the board. It shall then become the duty of the board to investigate the request and if approved notify the Sec. Treas. in writing, signed by at least 3 of the board members.

9. The Sec.-Treas. shall issue no money to any person or group of persons, without a written order from and signed by a majority of the board members.

10. No interest is to be charged for the use of this money.

11. It shall be the duty of each Pastor to encourage and promote this program in his church.

12. It shall be the duty of each church clerk or whomever the church may elect, to act as a representative of the fund, and to collect and forward the dues to the Secretary of the fund.

13. The Sec.-Treas. shall give an official receipt to each church for all money received.

14. The Sec.-Treas. shall make a complete report, each year at the regular session of the State Association of Free Will Baptists. Such a report must give all financial and business transactions.

15. These By-Laws may be ammended at any regular session of the State Association by a two-thirds vote of members present.

#### **League Committee**

We find 13 active leagues in the state. We urge every church to organize a league.

## **Auxiliary Committee**

We report that six churches having auxiliaries have organized a convention which met at the Bakersfield Church April 19, 1950 and would like the minutes of the convention printed with the state minutes. We send \$15.00 to pay for them. The next convention meets August 2, 1950 at the Turlock Church, Landers and "C" Streets. Everyone is invited. Anyone desiring help in organizing an auxiliary can contact the field worker, Mrs. Zella Ramsey, Route 1 Box 336AA, Kerman, California or President Mrs. Cleo Doss, Box 61, Kerman, California.

### **Clerk and Treasurer's Report (1949-1950)**

Total Receipts	\$259.44
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#### **Disbursements**

Porterville Church	105.00
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Moderator	15.00
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Clerk	25.00
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National Association	25.00
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Printing of Minutes	103.50
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Stationary and Mailing	3.00
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Total	\$276.50
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Association owes Clerk	17.06
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Delmer T. Priest, Clerk

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## **MINISTERS & DEACONS CONFERENCE LETTER**

To the State Association of Free Will Baptist, we send greeting.

We meet quarterly on Friday night and Saturday before each fifth Sunday.

The purpose of this conference is not to Lord it over God's Heritage but to promote a better and a closer fellowship among the brotherhood and a better understanding of the scriptures. This conference was organized and functions according to the Treatise. We recommend it to all our ministers and deacons and urge them to affiliate with this con-

ference. We have 66 members, 32 ministers and 34 deacons.

Rev. F. A. McCage, Clerk

Rev. J. L. Waltman, President

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### **SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION**

Letter from the Southern Association of Free Will Baptist to the State Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Bakersfield Church at Bakersfield, California April 19, 1950.

We send as delegates, our beloved brethren: Odell Walls, Jack Bailey, Loyd Reddick, Sister Orville Thurman, Bro. Pruett, Bro. Owens, Sister Anna Barker, Sister Keanon, Bro. Fry and Bro. Jackson, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you and aid in your Godly deliberations.

State of religion — Good, Members received 138, number baptized 76, number dismissed 25, number deceased 5, total 466, amount paid pastors \$7,306.81. Amount for building and repairs \$4,616.65, value of church property \$53,057.00, paid evangelistic work \$450.00.

We send for minutes and expense \$55.05.

We wish to report the new church in Exeter and the splendid progress of our association.

Austin Deaton, Moderator

Lester Kyle, Clerk and Treas.

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### **GOLDEN GATE ASSOCIATION**

To the State Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Bakersfield Church, Bakersfield, California.

We send as delegates our beloved brethren: Geta Montgomery, C. S. Cox, Ellen Cox, Coeta Shelton, Sy Mashburn, E. McDonald, Tommy Montgomery, Alternates D. G. Lynch, K. R. Adkins, Billy Jo Adkins, J. M. Chappel, Edna Cardwell, Mattie Haver, Juanita Miller, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you in your Godly deliberations.

State of Religion — good, number of Churches 8, number deceased 2, total membership 636, condition of prayer meetings — good, condition of sunday schools — good, League membership 157, condition of League — good, condition of auxiliary — good; 3 organized. Value of Church properties \$77,500.00, amount paid Pastor \$9,682.00, amount for evan-



gelastic work \$17,710.00, amount for building and repairs \$17,874.87, amount for incidentals \$1,550.96, amount for Home Missions \$25.10, amount for publications \$799.96, amount of budget money paid \$497.87, amount enclosed for minutes and expenses \$55.00. Ordainer Ministers 21, Licensed Ministers 10, Ordained Deacons 36.

Remarks: Modesto Church asks for the next session of State Association. The Golden Gate Association endorses the move of changing the setting of the State Association from April to June and that Pastors terms be terminated in June.

Eld. Clyde Rutledge of Salinas, California turned his credentials to Associational Clerk with statement that he no longer was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church. Moved that we no longer recognize him as a Free Will Baptist Minister and that same be forwarded to State Association.

F. A. McCage, Moderator  
Mae Graham, Clerk

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## CENTER ASSOCIATION

Letter from The Center Association to the State Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Free Will Baptist Church at Bakersfield, California, April 19, 1950.

We send as delegates, our beloved brethren:

### Alternates

Bro. Dewey Cummings  
Sis. Nancy Smith  
Bro. Doyce McAlister  
Bro. Alton Todd  
Bro. Herman Hupp  
Bro. Luther Knight  
Sis. Elva Scoutling

Bro. Delmer Sharp  
Sis. Wilson  
Sis. Ann Cummings  
Sis. H. Toby  
Bro. J. Enns  
Sis. Richey  
Bro. B. Bowley

Whom we pray you will receive to sit with you and to aid you in your Godly deliberations.

State of Religion	Good
Members received this year	148
Number baptized	57

Number dismissed by letter	43
Number excluded	44
Number deceased	6
Resident members	447
Non-resident members	94
Total membership	541
Number of prayer meetings	6
Number of Sunday Schools	6
Average number of pupils	Not given
Number of officers	Not given
Number of Leagues	3
Number of Auxiliaries or Missions	2
Amount paid pastors	\$8,081.79
Amount for evangelistic work	245.35
Amount for building and repairs	3,556.21
Amount for Foreign Missions	35.00
Amount for Home Missions	421.14
Amount for Education	140.50
Amount for Publication	143.68
Amount of Budget money paid	55.00

Remarks: The above report does not include statistics from the new church in Phoenix, Arizona. They were accepted by petitionary letter which did not include statistics.

Orbin Doss, Moderator  
Gladys Massengale, Clerk

## MINISTER'S ROLL

(Incomplete)

Rev. R. C. Hampton, 251 Sierra View, Porterville, Calif.

Rev. Lester L. Davis, P.O. Box 21, Selma, Calif. Ph. 782-R

Rev. Arvel E. Woolery, P.O. Box 326, Selma, California  
Phone 1057-R.

Rev. J. A. Mize, P.O. Box 322, Sanger, California.

Rev. W. A. Huddleston, 711 Hawley Street, Sanger, Calif.

Rev. J. E. Bridges, Orange Cove, California.



# STATISTICAL REPORT

Associations	Churches	Ministers	Members	No. Leagues	No. Auxiliaries	Paid Pastors	Paid Evangelists	Paid Home Missions	Paid Foreign Missions	Value of Church Property
Golden Gate	8	21	636	4	3	\$9,682.00	\$1,710.00	\$ 25.10		\$77,500.00
Center	7	13	541	3	2	\$8,081.79	\$ 245.35	\$421.14	\$35.00	
Southern	10		466			\$7,306.81	\$ 450.00			\$53,057.00

Rev. H. E. Dixon, Route 1 Box 282, Arvin, California.  
 Rev. J. R. Evans, Route 1 Box 680, Porterville, California.  
 Rev. Emmett R. Clagg, 2238 E. California, Bakersfield, Calif.  
 Rev. H. A. Lewis, 903 Ventura Street, Santa Paula, Calif.  
 Rev. Eual Gorman, 9291 Hazzard, Santa Ana, California.  
 Rev. W. F. Brown, 1103 Grace Street, Bakersfield, Calif.  
 Rev. Austin Deaton, 2113 E. California, Bakersfield, Calif.  
 Rev. O. Thurman, 3312 Golden State, Bakersfield, Calif.  
 Rev. L. C. Florence, Route 1 Box 410, Delano, California.  
 Rev. Delbert Spane, 832 "J" Street, Sanger, California.  
 Rev. W. L. Linvingston, Route 1 Box 668, Lindsay, Calif.  
 Rev. O. D. Scroggins, P.O. Box 411, Parlier, California.  
 Rev. J. L. Waltman, 145 Eighth Street, Turlock, California.  
 Rev. T. N. Huddleston, Landers & "C" Sts., Turlock, Calif.  
 Rev. N. H. Cathey, P.O. Box 121, Sanger, California.  
 Rev. P. E. Lambert, 441 N. 10th Ave., Hanford, California.  
 Rev. D. J. Rowlett, P.O. Box 12, Farmersville, California.  
 Rev. Robert L. Groves, Selma, California.  
 Rev. Emett M. Gray, General Delivery, Selma, California.  
 Rev. Winston Lawless, P.O. Box 386, Pixley, California.  
 Rev. George W. McLain, 440 South 24th Street, Apt. 1-B,  
 Richmond, California. Phone BEacon 4-3196  
 Rev. F. A. McCage, 1208 Eugene Ave., Modesto, California.  
 Phone 571-J-1  
 Rev. J. E. Sweeten, Maple Street, Turlock, California.  
 Rev. Cecil Thurman, Route 5 Box 472-A, Bakersfield, Calif.  
 Rev. Aaron Lewis, P.O. Box 253, Lindsay, California.  
 Rev. Fred Marler, 472 Bellah, Lindsay, California.  
 Rev. Loyd Reddick, P.O. Box 11, Di Giorgio, California.  
 Rev. Lloyd N. Weese, 913 Feliz Drive, Bakersfield, Calif.  
 Rev. L. C. Lynch, 702 Polk Street, Taft, California.  
 Rev. O. H. Doss, P.O. Box 61, Kerman, California.

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### Minutes of the First Women's Auxiliary Convention

February 10, 1950

The women of the various churches of California met

with the Kerman Church to organize an Auxiliary Convention.

After singing and prayer Mrs. Cleo Doss acted as chairman and Mrs. Helen Kline as secretary.

Mrs. Amos Smith, Turlock, California read Psalms 65 for the devotional reading.

A cordial welcome was extended by Mrs. Bessie Rush.

Response was made by Mrs. Goldie Priest of Richmond, California.

Mrs. Doss made an interesting talk on Women's Auxiliary work.

Motion carried to organize a State Auxiliary Convention.

The business session was dismissed for the worship service.

A quartett number was arranged by Bro. Bill Rush.

Rev. Ralph Hampton, Porterville, California brought the message using Nehemiah 4 for his scripture lesson. After the good message an old fashioned handshake was given and the meeting was dismissed with united prayer.

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### Afternoon Session

The session opened with singing followed with prayer by Mrs. Bertha Stout, Porterville, California.

Mrs. Golda Jenson, Selma, California read Psalms 145 for the scripture lesson.

Officers were elected as follows:

President — Cleo Doss, Box 61, Kerman, California.

Exec. Sec.-Treas. — Winnie McLain, 440 So. 24th Street, Apt. 1-B, Richmond, California.

First Vice Pres. — Goldie Priest, 124 So. 22nd Street, Apt. 1-A, Richmond, California.

Second Vice Pres. — Lucille Hampton, 251 Sierra View, Porterville, California.

Third Vice Pres. — Ila Huddleston, Landers & "C" Streets Turlock, California.

Fourth Vice Pres. — Patti McLain, Box 127, Kerman, Calif.

Fifth Vice Pres. — Zella Ramsey, Rt. 2 Box 336-A, Kerman, California.

Field Worker — Zella Ramsey, Rt. 2 Box 336-A, Kerman, California.

Ass't Field Workers, Winnie McLain, 440 So. 24th Street,  
Apt. 1-B, Richmond, California.

The constitution was read and adopted with the word Convention district in Article 2 changed to read local auxiliary and the word district in Article 3 changed to read local auxiliary.

President was given power to appoint committees.

The committees were:

Resolution — Bertha Stout, Evelyn Smith, Estel Sweeden, Inez Thurman, Golda Jenson, Patti McLain.

Registration — June Rolen, Elsie Kemp and Donna Griffith.

Mrs. Lizzie Stiggins talked on "Scriptural Background for Women's Work."

Resolutions 1, 2, 3, and 4 were read and adopted.

Registration Committee report was read and accepted.

Resolution number 5 was read and adopted.

An offering of \$15.51 was given followed with prayer.

Minutes were read and approved.

Mrs. Zella Ramsey talked on "Advancing with Christ through Auxiliary Work."

Motion carried that installation service be held at next meeting.

Closing remarks by president followed by Christian handshake.

Dismissed by Rev. George McLain, Richmond, California.

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### Committee Reports

Resolution No. 1 — We, the resolution committee, recommend that the State Women's Auxiliary Convention meet at 10 A.M. Wednesday, April 19, 1950 at Bakersfield and quarterly thereafter.

Resolution No. 2 — We recommend that each auxiliary pay 20 cents per member to the state convention and 10 cents of this be paid to Nation Auxiliary Convention. (See Manual of Methods Page 87.)

Resolution No. 3 — We recommend that minutes of this convention be printed with minutes of next session.

Resolution No. 4 — We your committe recommend that this convention extend this church a standing vote of thanks for the good lunch and hospitality.

Registration — There were 3 auxiliaries present (Kerman, Richmond, Porterville), 2 Home Missions (Turlock and Selma). There were visitors from Arvin and Bakersfield. There were also 5 ministers and 5 deacons present.

Mrs. Cleo Doss, President  
Mrs. Winnie McLain,  
Exec. Sec-Treas.

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### **Minutes of the Second Women's Auxiliary Convention**

The second session of Women's Auxiliary Convention met with Bakersfield Church, April 19, 1950 at 10 A.M.

Opened with singing led by Mrs. Inez Thurman followed with prayer by Mrs. Coeta Shelton.

Scripture lesson John 5:20-25 was read by Mrs. Pearl Hewitt.

Welcoming remarks by president, Mrs. Cleo Doss.

Song "Onward Christian Soldiers" was sung.

Registration Committee was appointed by the president. The committee was Mrs. Inez Thurman and Mrs. Joy Wall. 7 auxiliaries were represented.

Resolution committee appointed was Mrs. Patti McLain, Mrs. Goldie Priest, Mrs. Sybil Sweeten, Mrs. Bertha Lotspeich, Mrs. Dona Griffin, and Mrs. Teddie Thurman.

Convention voted to meet with Turlock church for next session, August 2, 1950 at 10 A.M.

Minutes of previous meeting were read.

Treasurer's report was accepted.

Motion carried that programs for next session be printed.

Rev. O. H. Doss was elected to bring the message at the next convention with Rev. F. A. McCage as a alternate.

The president made a talk on "Going Forward" based on Exodus 14:15.

After congregational singing, Rev. F. A. McCage prayed.

Trio from Turlock auxiliary sang a special number, "Kneel at the Cross."

Rev. T. N. Huddleston brought the eleven o'clock message. His subject was "Triumph". Text Psalms 22:27.  
Benediction by Rev. George McLain.

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### Afternoon Session

Opened with singing. Scripture reading Acts 8:1-4 by Mrs. Evelyn Smith, Arvin Auxiliary.

Prayer by Doise McAlister.

Report by Mrs. Goldie Priest, First Vice-president, "Advancing with Christ through Enlistment."

Report by Mrs. Lucille Hampton, Second Vice-president "Advancing with Christ through Education."

Report by Mrs. Ila Huddleston, Third Vice-president, "Advancing with Christ through Study Courses."

Report by Mrs. Patti McLain, Fourth Vice-president, "Advancing with Christ through Program and Publicity."

Report by Mrs. Zella Ramsey, Fifth Vice-president, "Advancing with Christ through Personal Service."

Report by Mrs. Zella Ramsey, Field Worker.

Resignation of Mrs. Lucille Hampton, Second Vice-president, was accepted.

Mrs. Inez Thurman was elected Second Vice-president.

Motion carried that president appoint the delegates to the National Auxiliary Convention to be held at Richmond, California. The following were appointed: Winnie McLain, Inez Thurman, Mae Graham, Bobbie McCage, Bertha Evans, Bertha Lotspeich, Patti McLain, Ella Mae Foster, Lucille Hampton, Evelyn Smith. Alternates were Goldie Priest, Elsie Kemp, Tressie Murphy, Ila Huddleston, Bertha Stout, Teddie Thurman, Shirley Miller, Pearl Hewitt and Coeta Shelton.

Registration committee reported that 6 auxiliaries were present, 35 members, 8 ministers, 2 deacons making a total of 43 registered.

Report of resolution committee was accepted. No. 1. We recommend that this convention send five dollars (\$5.00) to the Oklahoma Orphanage and the Bible College and that we pay fifteen dollars (\$15.00) to state for printing of the minutes. No. 2. We invite every ordained minister to attend the next convention. No. 3. Be it resolved that we



give the Bakersfield Church a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Rev. O. H. Doss had charge of installation of officers.

Benediction by Bro. John Hall.

### **Combined Report:**

Present enrollment, 126; number new members 13; number inactive members 3; members suspended 3; subscribers to year book 55; subscribers to Manual 34; subscribers to Working with Our Youth 1; subscribers to church papers 35; number of tithers 52; Mission study classes 8; Stewardship study classes 4; Manual study classes 13; week of prayer preceding Easter 5; vacation Bible schools 1; number of young people 7; Mission offering, \$20.96; Orphanage offering, \$40.00; Bible college, \$25.00; printing of minutes, \$15.00; Convention dues, \$29.90; engaged in personal service 101.

Cleo Doss, President

Winnie McLain, Exec. Sec.-Treas.

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## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. Introductory sermon.
2. House called to order by the moderator.
3. Letters called for, read and received.
4. Right hand of fellowship and seating of delegates.
5. Election of officers.
6. Petitionary letters called for.
7. Reading rules of order.
8. Invite visiting brethren to seats in council.
9. Appointment of committees.
10. Unfinished business.
11. New business.
12. Report of committees.
13. Miscellaneous business.

## **BY-LAWS**

1. The Moderator or assistant Moderator or in their absence the oldest minister (in the work) present shall call the Association into conference.



2. Each session shall be opened and closed by prayer.
3. Fourteen members from two or more associations shall constitute a quorum. A less number may adjourn until such quorum is present.
4. Visiting brethren are invited to seats as advisory members.
5. Those who speak shall arise and address the Moderator. Personal reflection shall be avoided in all debates.
6. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any members and a vote taken.
7. Motion made and lost shall not be recorded.
8. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the Moderator.
9. The Moderator shall not allow discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit.
10. The ruling of the Moderator may be overruled by a two-thirds majority of members voting.
11. No question from any association shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it has first been discussed in its own Association.
12. At each Association arrangements shall be made to insure two or more sermons or their equivalent devotional exercises each day.
13. The State Association shall have no power to fill vacancies in the delegation from any composite body.

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## CONSTITUTION

Preamble: From long experience, we the members of the Free Will Baptist Denomination, being regularly baptized upon the profession of our faith in Christ and realizing the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among us as an association of churches and to preserve and maintain correspondence and coordination with us, do therefore ordain this constitution for our better denominational government.

### Article 1

This organization shall be known as the State Association of Free Will Baptists of the state of California.

## **Article 2**

The object and purpose of this organization shall be to unify the work of our churches and associated bodies of this state and to devise and execute measures of expanding our work in the cause of Christ into broader fields.

## **Article 3**

This state association shall consist of delegates duly appointed or elected by the subordinate association they represent and all ordained Free Will Baptist ministers, their wives, all ordained Free Will Baptist deacons and their wives.

## **Article 4**

Representation to the state association is to be by subordinate associations. Each subordinate association shall be entitled to seven delegates to be selected from the laity.

## **Article 5**

The state association shall have the right to settle any and all questions of discipline, doctrine or practice that may properly come before it from any of the bodies composing this organization or act upon an appeal that may be made by any church or individual which is a component part of this body. Said appeal shall have been written and properly signed by the constituent body or bodies making such appeal from the lower to the next higher body.

## **Article 6**

**Officers.** The officers of this state association shall consist of a moderator, assistant moderator, clerk and assistant clerk and treasurer, each of whom shall be elected at the opening of each setting of the state association.

**Section 2.** Committees as necessary shall be appointed by the moderator unless otherwise provided for and shall hold office until their work is completed or their successors are appointed.

## **Article 7**

The executive board shall be composed of five members. Each member shall be an ordained minister in good stand-

ing in the state association and their terms of tenure shall be as follows:

- (1) one for one year
- (1) one for two years
- (1) one for three years
- (1) one for four years
- (1) one for five years

Succession to office thereafter shall be determined as order requires.

### **Article 8**

The state association shall hold its meetings annually, the date and place to be decided upon at each previous setting of said state association.

### **Article 9**

Should necessity arise which calls and requires immediate action, the State Executive Board shall convene upon call of its chairman and shall take whatever action it deems necessary in the best interest of the cause of Christ. The action however shall not conflict with the purpose and edicts of the Constitution as set forth in the preceding articles.

### **Article 10**

This constitution may be altered or amended at any regular session of the state association by a two-thirds vote of members present and voting. All proposed alterations or amendments shall be presented in writing to the body one day in advance.

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## **CHURCH COVENANT**

Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God, in this solemn covenant. We promise by His Grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearances of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations to reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self denial, faith and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ." We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conference, public worship, and the observance of the ordinance of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work. We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bond of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and to seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able promote the success of the churches and the Gospel. We will everywhere hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of souls and the conversion of the world.

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## ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. The Bible — The Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

2. GOD — There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the Scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, yet as one God infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore and obey.

3. CHRIST — Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified and is our ever present Savior and Lord.

4. THE HOLY SPIRIT — The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit, all the attributes of God. He is the Reprover, Comforter, Guide and Sanctifier of men.

5. **THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD** — God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires.

6. **THE SINFULNESS OF MAN** — Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His Posterity, therefore, inherited a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability, sin, and become guilty before God.

7. **THE WORK OF CHRIST** — The Son of God, by his incarnation, life, sufferings, death and resurrection affected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith.

8. **THE TERMS OF SALVATION** — The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and the hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Savior and Lord, with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the domination of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

9. **ELECTION** — God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ, men become His elect.

10. **FREEDOM OF WILL** — The human will is free and self controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit and live, or to resist them and perish.

11. **SALVATION FREE** — God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of Life freely.

12. **PERSEVERANCE** — All believers in Christ, who through grace, persevere in holiness to the end of life, have the promise of eternal salvation.

13. **GOSPEL ORDINANCES** — Baptism, or the immersion of believers in water, and the Lord's Supper, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel; Feet Washing, an ordinance teaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be administered to all true believers.

14. **TITHING** — God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament: Jesus Christ indorsed it in the Gospel (Matt. 23:33) and the apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day



of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him." (I Cor. 16:2.)

15. THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH — The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works, and activities, and for personal communion with God.

16. RESURRECTION, JUDGMENT, AND FINAL RETRIBUTION — The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked shall "go away" into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."





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