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OFFICERS

Moderator, Rev. F. A. McCage, 251 Sierra View, Porterville, California.

Ass't Moderator, Rev. O. H. Doss, P. O. Box 61, Kerman California.

Clerk and Treasurer, Winnie McLain, P. O. Box 138, Kerman, California.

Ass't Clerk, Bertha Evans, Route 3, Box 680, Porterville, California.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. H. A. Lewis (5 years) 903 Ventura St., Santa Paula, California.

Rev. George McLain (4 years) P. O. Box 138, Kerman, California.

Rev. O. H. Doss (3 years) P. O. Box 61, Kerman, California (Chairman)

Rev. F. A. McCage (2 years) 251 Sierra View, Porterville, California (Clerk).

Rev. H. E. Dixon (1 year) General Delivery, Selma, California.

The next session will be held at Tulare, California on Wednesday night after the second Sunday in June (June 11-13, 1952).

PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday Night

The Eight Annual Session of the California State Association of Free Will Baptists opened with singing led by Rev. Joe Mooneyham, Tulare, with June Rolen, Kerman, as pianist.

Rev. F. A. McCage, Porterville, called the house to order.

Invocation by Rev. L. R. Crumb, Earlimart.

Rev. W. Goss, Hollywood, rendered two musical numbers on a triple tone organ chime.

Rev. Lester Davis, Selma, led the testimony service.

The Humble Hearts Quartet sang "The Great Redeemer" and Merl Erickson, Modesto sang "Then Jesus Came."

Mrs. Fern Ray, Porterville, sang "Just A Closer Walk With Thee."

Rev. O. H. Doss, Kerman, brought the introductory message. His subject was "The Exalted Age", Scripture Isaiah 2 and Hebrews 1:1.

After the service the host pastor, Rev. Ralph Hampton, assigned delegates to homes.

Motion carried that Moderator be given power to appoint Pulpit Committee. The committee was J. Q. Moore, Jim Gullett, H. G. Harris.

Benediction by Rev. Bill Johnson, Stockton.

THURSDAY MORNING

Services opened with singing led by Rev. Joe Mooneyham.

Rev. J. R. Evans, Porterville, read Ephesians 3 for scripture lesson. Prayer by Rev. J. E. Bridges, Orange Cove.

Motion carried that the Association be seated in conference.

Letters were called for, read, accepted and delegates seated as follows:

Golden Gate and Southern.

Pulpit Committee reported that Rev. George Scott, Mountain Grove, Missouri would preach at eleven o'clock service.

Delegates were given hand of fellowship.

Officers were elected as follows:

Moderator - Rev. F. A. McCage

Ass't Moderator - Rev. O. H. Doss

Clerk and Treasurer - Winnie McLain

Ass't Clerk - Bertha Evans

Petitionary Letter from West Coast Association was read and tabled.

Motion carried that Moderator and assistant Moderator appoint committees. They were appointed as follows: Temporary Business Committee - J. L. Waltman, L. L. Davis, J. E. Bridges, Lewis Lawson, Bill Johnson.

(To make disposition about request of Southern Association granting letters to Arvin and Taft churches.)

Rules of order were read by Moderator.

Visiting brethren, Rev. and Mrs. Earl Jenson, McAlester, Okla., Rev. and Mrs. Vard Wood, Shawnee, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Donald Jones, Okla., Rev. George Scott Mountain Grove, Missouri and Rev. W. Goss, No. Hollywood, Calif. were welcomed.

Benediction by Rev. Earl Jenson.

Eleven A. M. Service

Opened with singing led by Rev. Joe Mooneyham.

Prayer by Rev. Vard Wood, Shawnee, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Jones sang "When He Reached Down His Hand for Me".

Rev. George Scott preached reading John 1:1-14 a scripture lesson. subject was "An Overcoming Life".

Benediction by Rev. H. A. Lewis.

Afternoon Session

Services opened with singing led by Rev. Joe. Mooneyham.

Rev. Randall Frye read Psalm 121 for a scripture lesson. Prayer by Rev. Lester Davis.

Temporary Business Committee report was read, accepted and committee discharged.

Petitionary letter from West Coast Association was read, accepted and delegates seated.

Motion carried that Center Association delegates be seated and letter accepted when it arrives.

Handshake of fellowship was given West Coast and Center Association delegates.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Business

Ralph Hampton
 J. R. Evans
 J. E. Bridges
 H. A. Lewis
 L. L. Davis

Resolution

J. L. Waltman
 J. Q. Moore
 Lloyd Reddick
 Joe Mooneyham
 Delmer Scroggins

Temperance

R. B. Sutton
 Evelyn Smith
 Jess Puett
 Elsie Kemp
 Cody Lawless

League

Randall Frye
 Cleo Doss
 Mrs. Wiley Gregory
 Mary Lou Thurman
 Bill Johnson

Obituary

Wiley Gregory
 Ilean Scroggins
 Edgar Floyd
 Ocielene Cremeen
 Opal Puett

Pulpit

L. H. Adkins
 James Gullet
 Rodney Kemp
 W. W. Daniels
 Roy Wade

Finance

Winston Lawless
 Everett Lewis
 John Montgomery
 L. A. Lawson
 W. A. Huddleston

Publication

Dean Moore
 Cecil Thurman
 Pearl Davis
 Mae Graham
 L. R. Crumb

Auxiliary

Sylvia Barlow
 Loreca McCage
 Inez Thurman
 Lucille Hampton
 Mrs. J. L. Waltman

Sunday School

Amos Fagan
 Neal Moore
 Edna Lewis
 Euna Ramsey
 Kathryn Hallman

Invitation from Tulare
 Church for the State Association of 1952 was accepted.

Rev. J. R. Evans was elected the introductory speaker
 for the next association and Rev. H. A. Lewis as alternate.

Delegates to National Association were elected as fol-
 lows: Cleo Doss, Mary Moore, Winnie McLain, Pearl Davis
 and Bertha Evans.

Pulpit Committee reported that Rev. F. A. McCage,
 Porterville would preach at night service and Rev. Jenson,
 McAlester, Oklahoma would preach Thursday at eleven
 o'clock service.

League and Publication Committee reports were read and accepted. (See reports)

Finance Committee report was read and each item accepted separately. (See reports).

Auxiliary Committee report was read and accepted. (See reports).

Clerk and Treasurer's report was read and accepted. (See reports).

Adjourned until 9 A. M.

Benediction by Rev. Neal Moore, Salinas.

Thursday Night Service

Opened with singing led by Rev. Delmer Scroggins, Parlier.

Prayer by Amos Fagan, Salinas.

After two special songs an offering of \$40.00 was taken for the host church. Rev. Dean Moore, Richmond prayed the offertory prayer.

Several special songs were sung then Rev. W. Goss played "What A Friend We Have in Jesus" and "The Old Rugged Cross" on his organ chimes.

Mrs. Fern Ray sang "It Is No Secret".

Prayer by Rev. L. R. Crumb.

Rev. F. A. McCage brought the message on "The Day of God's Wrath". His text was Rev. 6:17.

Benediction by Rev. John Montgomery, Hughson

Friday Morning Session

Opened with singing led by Rev. L. C. Florence, Delano.

Rev. Lloyd Reddick, Taft read Psalms 46 for a scripture lesson.

Prayer by Rev. Wiley Gregory, Turlock.

Sunday School Committee report was read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Resolution number 1 was read and accepted. (See reports.)

Adjourned until afternoon session.

Benediction by Rev. Delmer Scroggins.

Eleven O'clock Service

Opened with singing led by Rev. Delmer Scroggins.

Prayer by Rev. H. A. Lewis, Santa Paula.

Mrs. Fern Ray sang "What Boundless Love."

Rev. Earl Jenson brought the message on "Law and Grace." His scripture lesson was Romans 8.

Benediction by Rev. O. H. Doss.

Afternoon Session

Opened with singing led by Rev. Delmer Scroggins.

Rev. F. A. McCage read Psalms 1 for scripture lesson.

Prayer by Rev. J. L. Waltman.

Resolutions No. 2, 3, 4 and 5 read and accepted. (See reports.)

Report of Secretary - Treasurer of Progressive Building Fund was read and accepted

Motion carried that Progressive Building Fund and Bylaws be dissolved and money refunded from sources from which it came.

Business Committee report number 1 was read and accepted. (See reports.)

Temperance and Obituary Committee reports were read and accepted. (See reports.)

Motion carried that Business Committee write By-laws to govern Mission Board.

Pulpit Committee reported that Rev. H. A. Lewis would bring the evening message.

Program Committee was elected as follows: Rev. Dean Moore, Rev. O. H. Doss and Rev. Winston Lawless.

Business Committee presented By-laws to govern Mission Board. They were accepted.

Mission Board was elected as follows: Ralph Hampton (5 years), Winston Lawless (4 years), Lester Davis (3 years), J. L. Waltman (2 years), J. R. Evans (1 year).

Rev. H. A. Lewis was elected on executive board.

Mission Board reported that Rev. R. C. Hampton, 1208 Eugene Avenue, Modesto was Chairman and Rev. Winston Lawless, P. O. Box 532, Delano, Secretary and Treasurer of Mission Board.

Executive Board reported that Rev. O. H. Doss, P. O. Box 61, was Chairman and Rev. F. A. McCage, 251 Sierra

View, Porterville, clerk of Executive Board.

Motion carried that a brief case be bought for state association clerk

Jerry Dudley was appointed Golden Gate Association Director of Missions.

Jess Puett was appointed Southern Association Director of Missions.

Everett Lewis was appointed West Coast Association Director of Missions.

Herman Hupp was appointed Center Association Director of Missions.

Adjourned until next session at Tulare Church, June 11-13, 1952.

Benediction by Rev. W. Goss.

F. A. McCage, Moderator
Winnie McLain, Clerk

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Golden Gate Association meets at Modesto Church, Leo and Sam Avenues, on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in May, May 22-24, 1952.

Center Association meets at Selma church on Thursday, May 15-17, 1952.

Southern Association meets at Farmersville church on Thursday night May 8-9, 1952.

West Coast Association (unknown)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Temporary Business Committee --

We recommend that the Southern Association grant letters to the churches which have affiliated with the West Coast Association and pray that God prospers both associations. - Signed Committee.

Business Committee -

Report No. 1.

We recommend that no Free Will Baptist Church in California call any minister as pastor who is not recognized, or cannot secure recommendation from the California State Ministers and Deacons Conference.

Report No. 2. - By-Laws of State Mission Board.

1. The board shall be composed of five members including a secretary, treasurer and their tenure of office shall be one to five years.

2. All money for missions shall be sent through this board.

3 Request for financial aid shall be made in writing to the board and after investigation money shall be granted in such cases as merits support. There must be an opportunity to establish a church to merit such aid.

4. Not less than three members of this board can make a decision.

5. This board shall appoint a representative in each subordinate association to raise funds for missions.

6. The treasurer shall give an official receipt for funds received.

7. The treasurer shall give a financial report at each regular session of the association.

8. These By-laws may be amended at any regular session of the state association by a majority vote of members present.

Signed: Committee

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

1. Be it resolved, that the State Association elect a Mission Board to work with the National Home and Foreign Mission Boards

2. Be it resolved, that a program committee of three members be elected to arrange a program for next session of state association.

3. Be it resolved, that churches, sending in reports to Ministers and Deacons Conference, will not report any minister or deacon in good standing who does not have a ministers or deacons card or will not obtain one at the earliest possible date.

4. Be it resolved, that the state of California raise \$3,000.00 for missions and that 15% be paid to Foreign Mission, 15% to National Home Missions, and 70% remain in state mission treasury to be used for home mission in Calif.

6. Be it resolved, that we extent our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to this church for its hospitality and fellowship.

Signed: Committee

Finance Committee

We find that we are almost \$200.00 short for the expense of this association. We therefore recommend (No. 1) that the executive board of each association collect \$60.00 from their churches and forward to the clerk of the state association

2. That each association send \$100.00 to the state association next year.

3. That \$35.00 from each association be given to host church.

Signed: Committee

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.

Signed: Committee

Obituary Committee

We report there has been one (1) death in West Coast Association, three (3) in Southern, two (2) in Center and three (3) in Golden Gate making a total of nine (9) deaths.

Signed: Committee

Sunday School Committee

We recommend that each pastor encourage a state Sunday School rally to create more interest in this important work. We further recommend the exclusive use of Free Will Baptist literature. We also recommend that officers and teachers be Free Will Baptist as near as possible.

Signed: Committee

League Committee

We wish to report that we now have 21 leagues in the state, 3 rallies, and the promise of another one being organized soon. We ask that the State League minutes be printed in the state minutes for which we send \$32.00.

Signed: Committee

Publication Committee

We recommend that 1000 minutes of this session be printed.

Signed: Committee

Auxiliary Committee

We ask that the auxiliary - convention minutes be printed in the state minutes for which we send \$25.00.

Signed: Committee

Clerk and Treasurer's report (1950-1951)

Total Receipts

Golden Gate, Center and Southern Associations \$165.05, Woman's Auxiliary Convention \$15.00, churches \$103.84.

Grand Total \$283.89.

Disbursements:

Bakersfield church \$105.00, Moderator \$15.00, Clerk \$25.00, Indebteness to former clerk \$17.06, National association \$25.00, Chimes Press for printing minutes \$97.29.

Total \$284.35

Total Indebteness \$.46

Winnie McLain, Clerk and Treasurer

Report of Secretary-Treasurer of Progressive Building Fund

I wish to report that there has been very little cooperation among our churches in supporting this fund.

Receipts -- Richmond Church \$34.50, Kerman Church \$41.00, Auxiliary Convention \$7.50, making a total of \$85.00

I also wish to report that the Southern Association refused to adopt this as a state fund.

Winston Lawless, Secretary - Treasurer

MINISTER'S ROLL

Rev. W. A. Huddleston, P. O. Box 711, Sanger, California
Rev. L. A. Lawson, Landers and "C" Streets, Turlock, Cal.
Rev. L. H. Reddick, 1061 1/2 Van Buren, Taft, California
Rev. J. L. Waltman, 145 Eight Street, Turlock, California
Rev. Joe Mooneyham, 535 Second Street, Tulare, California
Rev. E. M. McCauley, Tulare, California
Rev. Andrew Winters, General Delivery, Selma, California
Rev. J. R. Evans, Route 3, Box 680, Porterville, California
Rev. E. R. Montgomery, P. O. Box 266, Hughson, Calif.

Rev. John Montgomery, P. O. Box 266, Hughson, Calif.
 Rev. Leroy M. Richardson, 517 Leona Street, Livingston,
 California.
 Rev. O. H. Doss, P. O. Box 61, Kerman, California
 Rev. Estell Sweeten, Turlock, California
 Rev. Albert Shelton, 738 Espee Avenue, Modesto, California
 Rev. F. A. McCage, 251 Sierra View, Porterville, California
 Rev. L. V. Wood, Ceres, California
 Rev. Roy Wood, Ceres, California
 Rev. Cecil Thurman, 782 Orange Street, Arvin, California
 Rev. H. A. Lewis, 903 Ventura Street, Santa Paula, Calif.
 Rev. W. M. Johnson, 669 Freemont Ave. Salinas, California
 Rev. L. R. Crumb, P. O. Box 13, Earlimart, California
 Rev. Lester Davis, P. O. Box 65, Selma, California.
 Rev. Earl Jenson, McAlester, Oklahoma
 Rev. T. N. Huddleston, Route 2, Box 474, Chowchilla, Calif.
 Rev. R. C. Hampton, 1208 Eugene Avenue, Modesto, Calif.
 Rev. Wiley Gregory, Ceres, California
 Rev. Earl Austin, Route 4, Box 19, Visalia, California
 Rev. J. E. Bridges, General Delivery, Orange Cove, Calif
 Rev. Neal Moore, Box 236, Castorville, California
 Rev. R. B. Sutton, 202 Pacheco Blvd., Martinez, California
 Rev. Amos Fagan, Seaside, California
 Rev. Randall Fry, Route 2, Box 326, Tulare, California.
 Rev. O. D. Scroggins, P. O. Box 411, Parlier, California
 Rev. Winston Lawless, Box 532, Delano, California
 Rev. W. V. Wood, 129 South Draper Street, Shawnee,
 Oklahoma
 Rev. George W. Scott, Mountain Grove, Missouri
 Rev. L. C. Florence, Route 1, Box 410, Delano, California
 Rev. Arvel E. Woolery, P. O. Box 847, Firebaugh, California
 Rev. Dean Moore, 412 South 7th Street, Richmond, Calif.

Letters From Associations

Golden Gate Association

To the State Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Modesto Church, Modesto, Calif.

We send as delegates, our beloved brethren:

E. O. Rosebrough, Valorie Herrian, John Adams, Addie Reeves, Garret Pulsey, Lois Kedwell, Clarence Dodson, Edd McDonald, Oceline Cremeen,

Whom we pray you will receive to sit wit you in your Godly deliberations.

State of religion--good, churches 9, members 794, deceased 2, prayer meeting good, Sunday School good, League membership, 136, leagues 6, auxiliaries 3, membership 53, value of church property \$105,500.00, paid pastors \$13,626.42, evangelistic work \$1061.72, building and repair \$12778.42, evangelistic work \$1061.72, building and repair \$12,778. missions \$125.69.

Enclosed as minutes and expense money \$55.00

Ordained ministers 30, licensed ministers 13, deacons 35.

Remarks: We the executive board recommend that scriptures be inserted under each article of faith in our state minutes and that this recommendation accompany the letter to the state association.

Ralph Hampton, Moderator
Mae Graham, Clerk

Southern Association

..To the state association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Modesto church, Modesto, California.

We send as delegates, our beloved brethren:

Jesse Puett, Shirley Cummings, Rosalee McGibbens, Cody Lawless, Opal Puett, Sybil Campbell. Alternates -- Esther Tilden, Margaret Moore, Moretta Autrey, Ann Barker, Jenny Lawless, Erma Gibbs, Max Scarbrough.

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

State of religion - good, churches 8, membership 485, prayer meeting good, Sunday School - good, Auxiliary fair, value of church property \$77,500.00, paid evangelists \$866.33, paid pastors \$3965.00, paid Foreign Mission \$92.74.

Enclosed for minutes and expenses \$55.00.

Ordained ministers 12, deacons 10.

Remarks: Porterville church asks for the next session of the state association.

Rev. Winston Lawless association secretary and treasurer reports. he has received \$127.00 from the churches in this association toward the Progressive Building Fund.

The Southern association refers the granting of letters of the Arvin and Taft churches to the state association for disposition.

F. A. McCage, Moderator
Winnia McGuire, Clerk

Central Association

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

We send as delegates our beloved brethren:

B. Roberts, Elsie Ianni, Alice Hylton, Lester Dry, Fred Redfern, Bud Gregg, Gladys Massengale, Alternates -- M. Winters, C. U. Holt, Senise Crowe, Virginia Stevenson, Alma Stiggins, E. Ramsey -

Whom we pray you will receive to sit with you in your Godly Deliberations.

State of Religion - good, churches 6, members received this year 161, number baptized 55, number dismissed by letter 64, number excluded 10, number deceased 3, resident members 540, non-resident members 104, total membership 644, number of prayer meetings 6, number of Sunday Schools 6, average number of pupils 400, number of officers 14, number of leagues 5, league membership 120, number of auxiliaries 2, amount paid pastors \$9,530.-98, amount for evangelistic work \$797.06, amount for building and repairs \$4,072.34, amount for incidentals \$1,313.-81, value of church property \$69,300.00, amount for Foreign Missions \$37.00, amount for Home Missions \$1127.65, amount for education \$85.25, amount for publication \$471.92.

Enclosed for minutes and expenses \$55.00.

Ordained ministers 22,

O. H. Doss, Moderator

Gladys M. Massengale, Clerk

West Coast Association

To the State Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Modesto Church, Modesto, California June 13, 14, 15, 1951.

The West Coast Association was organized June 24, 1950 at Santa Paula, California with Rev. Ralph Hampton, Moderator and Rev. H. E. Dixon, Assistant Moderator. We have been having our quarterly meetings.

We petition this Association for membership.

We send as delegates our beloved brethren:

Sis. E. L. Terry, Kathryn Hallman Faye Bonner, Della White, Mary Lou Thurman, Everett Lewis and Edna Lewis. Alternates - Kathryn King, Faith Rice, Fern Peters.

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

Number of Churches -, number of Ministers 13, number of members 245, numbers of leagues 4, number of auxiliaries 2, paid pastors \$4,436.00, paid evangelists \$239.00, paid Foreign Mission \$74.00, value of church property \$34,000.00.

We send \$55.00 for minutes and expense.

H. A. Lewis, Moderator
Inez Thurman, Clerk

STATISTICAL REPORT OF SUBORDINATE ASSOCIATIONS

	Golden Gate	Center	Southern	West Coast	Total
Churches	9	6	8	5	28
Ministers	30	22		13	65
Members	794	644	485	245	2168
No. of Sunday Schools	9	6	8	5	28
No. of Leagues	7	5	5	4	21
No. of Auxiliaries	3	2	1	2	8
Paid Pastors	\$13,626.42	\$9,530.98	\$3,965.00	\$4,436.00	\$31,558.40
Paid Evangelists	1,061.72	797.06	866.33	239.00	2,964.11
Paid Home Missions	182.32	1,127.65			1,309.97
Paid Foreign Missions	125.69	37.00	92.74	74.00	329.43
Value of Church Property	105,500.00	69,300.00	77,500.00	\$34,000.00	286,300.00

Minutes of the Third Annual Session of Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

The third session of Woman's Auxiliary Convention met with Modesto Church, June 13, 1951 at 10:00 A. M.

Opened with singing led by Mrs. Sybil Sweeten, Turlock, pianist June Rolen, Kerman.

Scripture lesson Psalms 27:1-15 was read by Mrs. Mae Graham, Turlock.

Prayer by Mrs. Ella Mae Foster, Turlock.

Welcome by Mrs. Bertha Lotspeich, Modesto.

Response by Mrs. June Rolen, Kerman.

Petitionary letter from Taft was read and they were accepted as members.

Motion carried that President appoint committees. They were appointed as follows:

Registration - Johnnie Jenkins, Alma Stiggins, Evelyn Smith, Bertha Lotspeich, Margie Winters, Genoma Watts and Betty Gregory.

Resolution - Goldie Priest, Ella Mae Foster, Mrs. E. L. Terry, Sylvia Barlow, June Rolen, Kathryn Hallman and Vada Roberts.

Finance - Inez Turman, Lucille Hampton and Sybil Sweeten.

Obituary - Mae Graham, Faye Bonner, Lillian Rader. The President's Message was "Abiding in Christ through Prayer."

Mrs. Winnie McLain expressed her thanks to the auxiliary for financial assistance which enabled her to attend W. N. A. C. Committee Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee. Dismissed by Mrs. Beulah Huddleston, Sanger.

Eleven O'clock Service

Opened with singing led by Mrs. Margie Winters, Selma.

Prayer by Mrs. Winnie McLain, Kerman.

Miss Betty Anderson, Porterville sang a special "Hand in Hand with Jesus".

Prayer by Mrs. Goldie Priest, Richmond.
Mrs. Fern Ray and Mrs. Loreca McCage sang "I Gave My All to Jesus".

Rev. O. H. Doss, Kerman brought the message "A Balanced Life" using Luke 10:38 for his text.

Officers were given a hand of fellowship.

Benediction by Rev. F. A. McCage, Porterville.

Afternoon Session

Opened with singing led by Mrs. Margie Winters, Selma.

Mrs. Genoma Watts, Taft read Hebrews 4:11 - 16 for a scripture lesson.

Prayer by Mrs. Inez Thurman, Arvin.

Mrs. Sylvia Barlow and Marjorie Winters sang "Just A Closer Walk."

Mrs. Johnnie Jenkins, Marjorie Winters, Fern Ray and Loreca McCage sang "Into My Heart A New Feeling Came."

Mrs. Winnie McLain made a report of her trip to Nashville, Tennessee to W. N. A. C. Committee Meeting.

Reports of Vice Presidents were given as follows:

First Vice President, Goldie Priest

Second Vice President, Inez Thurman

Third Vice President, Ila Huddleston

Fourth Vice President, June Rolen, proxy for
Patti McLain

Fifth Vice President, Zella Ramsey

Field Worker, Zella Ramsey

Secretary - Treasurer, Winnie McLain

Report of Obituary Committee was read and accepted. After a moment of silent prayer, Rev. J. L. Waltman concluded the prayer.

Report of Finance Committee was read and accepted.

Resolution number 1 and number 2 were read and accepted.

First auxiliary meeting was placed at Taft, Friday, October 12, 1951.

Second meeting was placed at Porterville, Thursday February 7, 1952.

Third meeting was placed at Tulare, Wednesday June 11, 1952.

Resolution number 3 and number 4 were read and accepted.

Officers for coming year were elected as follows:

President - Cleo Doss, P. O. Box 61, Kerman, Calif.

First Vice President, Goldie Priest, 836 Ventura St., Richmond, California.

Second Vice President - Inez Thurman, 4513 Mesa Drive, Bakersfield, California.

Third Vice President - Ila Huddleston, Route 2, Box 472, Chowchilla, California.

Fourth Vice President -- Ella Mae Foster, Route 1, Box 84, Hughson, California.

Fifth Vice President - Zella Ramsey, Route 2, Box 336 AA, Kerman, California.

Field Worker - June Rolen, P. O. Box 138, Kerman, California.

Secretary - Treasurer - Winnie McLain, P. O. Box 138, Kerman, California.

Motion carried that President appoint delegates to National Auxiliary Convention, They were appointed as follows: Mary Moore, Patti McLain, June Rolen.

Prayer of dedication for officers by Rev. F. A. McCage.

"Blest Be The Tie That Binds" was sung.

Benediction by Mrs. Cleo Doss.

Committee Reports

Resolution No. 1 — Be it resolved that each auxiliary pay \$.10¢ per member to each session of the convention and \$.20¢ per member to the annual session.

Resolution No. 2 — Be it resolved that the convention meet every four months as follows: Friday, October 12, Thursday, February 7, 1952, Wednesday, June 11, 1952.

Resolution No. 3 — Be it resolved that each local officer make only a four months report ten days preceeding the convention to each state officer, never an annual report. Each state officer will total these reports for the annual report.

Resolution No. 4 — Be it resolved that we give the Modesto Church a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Registration Committee

Auxiliary Members present	56
Ministers	8
Deacons	3

Finance Committee

1. We recommend that the Secretary - Treasurer purchase a ledger for keeping permanent records.

2. We recommend that each auxiliary send \$8.00 for the printing of these minutes.

Obituary Committee

We, your Obituary Committee beg to report that God in his goodness has called only two from our midst during the past year. They were Minnie Actkerson of Arvin, California and Lula Branson of Kerman, California.

Special Called Executive Meeting June 14, 1951

The President, Cleo Doss called the officers together in a called meeting June 14. Motion carried that the Auxiliary Convention pay State Association \$25.00 for printing of minutes.

Cleo Doss, President
Winnie McLain, Clerk

Minutes of State League Rally

The second annual session of the California State League Rally of Free Will Baptists met with the Kerman Church, Kerman, California, June 2-3, 1951.

Saturday Morning

Service opened by singing "Onward Christian Leaguers" led by Arlie Miller, Richmond, pianist Sarah Carter, Turlock.

All Leaguers were called to altar for prayer led by Randall Fry, Tulare.

Mr. J. E. Sanders, Kerman City Councilman, welcomed the rally to Kerman. Response was given by Wayman Floyd, Modesto.

Devotional Luke 24:13-22 was read by Troy Sealey, Selma.

President Bud Jenkins gave a talk entitled "After One Year."

Letter from Center Association was read and accepted.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Motion carried that program be accepted.

Motion carried that President appoint Resolution Committee. Those appointed were Lowell Moore, Bryant Montgomery, and Lonnie McAlester.

Benediction.

Eleven O'clock Service

Service opened by singing "Marching To Zion."

Prayer by Rev. L. A. Lawson, Turlock.

Mixed quartet sang "I Guess I'm Just A Little Old Fashioned."

Prayer by Delmer Priest, Richmond.

Rev. F. A. McCage, Porterville, brought the message using Hebrew 11:1-6 as his scripture.

Dismissed by Rev. Joy Freeman, Chowchilla.

Saturday Afternoon Session

Opened by singing "When The Saints Go Marching In." Prayer by Lowell Moore, Tulare.

Golden Gate Association Rally letter was read and accepted.

Resolution number 1 and 3 were accepted. (See Reports)

Motion carried that present program banner have "1950" place on it and a new banner be ordered for 1951.

The next rally will convene May 31-June 1, with Porterville Church, Porterville California. Rev. Joe Mooneyham, Tulare was elected to bring introductory message and Dev. Dean Moore, Richmond is alternate.

Motion carried that President appoint a Finance Committee. Those appointed were Wayman Floyd, Randal Fry, and Lonnie Rolen.

Motion carried that Sword Drill Winner be sent to National League Convention, Nashville, Tennessee.

Quiz "How Well Do You Know Your Manual" was conducted by Jerry Dudley, Modesto.

Everyone was dismissed to attend Officers Conferences conducted by each state officer.

Saturday Evening

Service opened by singing "The Fight Is On" and "He's A Wonderful Savior To Me". Prayer by Clinton Wood, Richmond.

Choruses were led by Mary Sue Doss, Kerman.

Duet "He'll Understand and Say Well Done" was sung by Darwin and Norman Kelton, Kerman.

Eugene Riah, Chowchilla, Bobby Daniels, Modesto, Geraldene Sweeten, Turlock, Virginia Winters, Porterville, Peggy Clement, Kerman and Coy Priest, Richmond were contestants in Sword Drill directed by Johnnie Jenkins, Turlock. First prize, Egemeir Bible Story Book, was won by Coy Priest and second place, one year subscription to Youth Banner, was won by Eugene Riah.

Solo "It Is No Secret" was sung by Darwin Kelton.

Solo "Take My Hand Precious Lord" was sung by Betty Fry, Tulare.

Rev. Dean Moore brought the message. His subject was "Marching with Christ In Evangelism."

Dismissed by Bro. Gus Griffin, Van Nuys, California.

Sunday Morning

Opened by singing "Lift Him Up." Prayer by Doice McAlester, Kerman.

Devotional, John 15:1-6 was read by Bryant Montgomery, Richmond.

Officers were elected as follows:

Sponsor - Rev. O. H. Doss, P. O. Box 61, Kerman, California.

President - Bud Jenkins, 836 Ventura St., Richmond, California.

Vice President - Arlie Miller, Kerman, California.

Recording Secretary - June Rolen, P. O. Box 138, Kerman, California.

Corresponding Secretary - Pat Scarbrough - 207 North "G", Porterville, California.

Treasurer - Lowell Moore, P. O. Box 782, Tulare, California.

Chorister - Mary Moore, 412 South 7th Street, Richmond, California.

Pianist - Mary Sue Doss, P. O. Box 61, Kerman, California.

League Board

Rev. F. A. McCage (Chairman), 251 Sierra View, Porterville, California.

Rev. Dean Moore (Clerk), 412 South 7th Street, Richmond, California.

Rev. Ralph Hampton, 1208 Eugene Avenue, Modesto, California.

Rev. Joe Mooneyham, 535 West Second, Tulare, Calif.

Jerry Dudley, 1005 Benito Avenue, Modesto, California

Resolution number 5 was read and accepted. (See Reports).

Finance Committee report was read and accepted. (See Reports).

Installation of officers was given by Rev. O. H. Doss, followed with a prayer of consecration.

Benediction.

Eleven O'clock Service

Opened by singing "I'm Saved". Prayer by Rev. Joe Mooneyham.

An offering of \$49.07 was taken for host church.

Humble Hearts Quartet sang "I'd Rather Have Jesus".

Rev. Ralph Hampton brought the message using Romans 6:13 as his text.

Dismissed by Rev. Winston Lawless, Delano.

Sunday Afternoon

Opened by singing "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart".

Prayer by Goldie Priest, Richmond.

Tulare representing Southern Association presented "A Little Child Shall Lead Them".

Southern Association League Rally letter was read and accepted.

Modesto League representing Golden Gate Association presented "Seamless Robe".

Program banner was won by Tulare League representing Southern Association.
Benediction.

Committee Reports

Resolution Committee

1. Be it resolved that the subordinate association recording secretary write letter to state rally.

3. Be it resolved that the league winning the program banner be presented a permanent banner stating year won.

5. Be it resolved that these minutes be printed with the State Association minutes.

Finance Committee

We, your Finance Committee wish to make the following report:

The amount in treasury is \$82.58. Pending expenses are \$25.00 - Banners, \$35.00 - Programs, \$32.00 - Minutes, \$150.00 - Sword Drill Winner. which leaves a deficit of \$160.58.

1. We recommend that the President and Treasurer of each district rally be responsible for raising \$50.00 and said amount be sent to State Treasurer not later than June 20th.

2. We recommend that each district rally represent next year with \$75.00, \$25.00 of which will go to the local church and \$50.00 for rally expenses.

3. We recommend that an offering be taken for host church.

Signed: Committee

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.
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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.

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 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 standing 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 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.

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 to 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.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. The Bible — The Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by inspiration of God, and 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."