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The next session will be held at Calwa Church, 3707  
Laurite Street, Calwa, California, on Wednesday night after  
the second Sunday in June. (June 16-18, 1954).

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## OFFICERS

Moderator, Rev. Ralph Hampton, P. O. Box 871, Ceres, California.

Ass't Moderator, Rev. F. A. McCage, 273 Paul Avenue, Salinas, California.

Clerk and Treasurer, Mrs. June Rolen, P. O. Box 138, Kerman, California. Phone 8-828.

Ass't. Clerk and Treasurer, Mrs. Jo Hupp, P. O. Box 532, Fowler, California.

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## EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. F. A. McCage, Chairman, (5 years), 273 Paul Avenue, Salinas, California.

Rev. Dean Moore, Clerk, (4 years), 1718 Lincoln Avenue, Richmond, California. Phone BE 2-1165.

Rev. Lester Davis, 3805 Lourite Street, Fresno, California.

Rev. H. E. Dixon, 1331 East 77th Street, Los Angeles, California.

Rev. O. H. Doss, P. O. Box 61, Kerman, California. Phone 6-370.

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## MISSION BOARD

Rev. Earl Jenson, Chairman, (5 years), Landers and "C" Streets, Turlock, California.

Rev. J. R. Evans, (4 years), Route 3, Box 680, Porterville, California.

Rev. J. L. Waltman, (3 years), 145 Eighth Street, Turlock, California.

Rev. Winston Lawless, Secretary-Treasurer, (2 years), 2469 Thompson, Selma, California.

Rev. Joe Mooneyham, (1 year), 535 West Second Street, Tulare California.

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## LEAGUE BOARD

Delmer T. Priest, Chairman, 836 Ventura Avenue, Richmond, California.

Rev. Joe Mooneyham, 535 West Second Street, Tulare, California.

Carl Young, 1520 Mill Street, Selma, California.

Rev. Orvil Thurman, 4513 Mesa Drive, Bakersfield, California.

Rev. Wiley Gregory, 930 Ventura, Santa Paula, California.

## PROCEEDINGS

### Wednesday Night

The Tenth Annual Session of the California State Association of Free Will Baptists opened with singing "Jesus Saves" led by Mr. Arlie Miller, Kerman, accompanied by Mrs. Wayne Easlon, San Jose.

Assistant Moderator Rev. O. H. Doss called the house to order.

Prayer by Rev. William Johnson, Sanger.

Special songs were sung by the Kerman Church Quartet.

Rev. Ralph Hampton, Concord, brought the introductory message on "The Light That Illuminates and Radiates", scripture Phillipians 2:14-15.

Homes were assigned delegates by the committee in charge.

Benediction by Rev. Joe Mooneyham, Tulare.

### Thursday Morning

Services opened by singing "Send The Light" led by Mary Moore, Richmond, accompanied by June Rolen, Kerman.

Rev. V. B. True, Taft, read Psalms 1 for the scripture lesson.

Prayer by Rev. Neal Moore, Salinas.

Welcome address was given by Rev. John Schmidt, Secretary of Kerman Ministerial Association. Response was given by Delmer T. Priest, Richmond.

Letters were read, accepted, and delegates seated from the following associations: Center, Southern, Golden Gate and West Coast.

The officers were elected as follows:

Moderator—Rev. Ralph Hampton.

Ass't Moderator—Rev. F. A. McCage.

Clerk—Mrs. June Rolen.

Ass't Clerk—Mrs. Jo Hupp.

Motion carried that clerk serve as treasurer.

Motion carried that a Committee on Committees be elected to select all committees except Pulpit Committee.

Motion carried that Moderator and Ass't Moderator appoint Pulpit Committee. Those appointed were Pete Ussery, Exeter; Daisy Stacks, Bell Gardens; Delmer T. Priest, Richmond; Wm. J. Rush, Kerman, and Rev. O. H. Doss, Kerman, Chairman.

Committee on Committees was elected as follows:

Rev. Winston Lawless, Selma.

Pete Conner, Richmond.

Rev. Joe Mooneyham, Tulare.

Rev. Eual Gorman, Bell Gardens.

Rev. H. E. Dixon, Westminster.

The following visiting brethren were invited to sit in council as advisory members: Rev. Wade Jernigan, Norman, Oklahoma, and Rev. Dewey Parker, Orange Cove.

Rules of order were read by the moderator.

Pulpit Committee reported that Rev. Dean Moore, Richmond, and Rev. Neal Moore, Salinas, would preach at eleven o'clock service and Rev. Wade Jernigan at evening service.

Motion carried that business adjourn until 1:30 P. M.

Dismissed by Rev. Finney Berry, Calwa.

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#### THURSDAY ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Opened with singing "Some Day" led by Rev. Delmer Scroggins, Parlier, accompanied by Mrs. Wayne Easlon.

Prayer by Rev. H. E. Dixon.

Rev. Dean Moore brought the message using Acts 17:1-6 as his scripture followed by Rev. Neal Moore using "Turning The World Upside Down" as his subject.

Dismissed by Rev. D. J. Rowlett Farmersville.

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#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened with singing "When I Can Read My Title Clear" led by Wm. J. Rush accompanied by Mrs. June Rolen.

Rev. Harold Talley, Orange Cove, read John 12:23-36 for his scripture reading.

Prayer by Rev. Lester L. Davis, Calwa.

Report of Committee on Committees was read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

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

Report of Finance Committee was read and tabled until 10:30 A. M. Friday.

Report of Publication Committee was read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Report of League Committee was read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Resolutions No. 1 and No. 2 were read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Mission Board's Financial Report was read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Report of Auxiliary Committee was read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Report of Obituary Committee was read and a moment of silent prayer was given followed with prayer by Rev. F. A. McCage.

Rev. Earl Jenson Turlock, was elected on the Mission Board. (5 years.)

Resignation of Rev. Ralph Hampton on Mission Board was read and accepted and Rev. J. L. Waltman Turlock, was elected in his place. (3 years.)

The next association was placed at Calwa Church, 3707 Laurite Street, Calwa, California, June 16-18, 1954.

Rev. Wade Jernigan was elected to bring the introductory message and Rev. Amos Fagan, Tulare, as alternate.

Pearl Davis, Mae Mooneyham, Ora Hupp, Daisy Stacks, Mary Moore, Cleo Doss, Pete Conner, and Delmer T. Priest were elected as delegates to the National Association.

Adjourned until 9:00 A. M. Friday.

Benediction by Rev Wade Jernigan.



## THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Opened with singing "I Am Thine O Lord" and "Ye Must Be Born Again" led by Mary Moore accompanied by Mary Sue Lindsey, Kerman.

Prayer by Rev. V. B. True.

There was special singing by Linda Conner, Betty Fry, Loren Rush, Exeter Quartet, Kerman Quartet, Calwa Quartet and Mary Moore.

Rev. Wade Jernigan brought the message on "When Jesus Came." Luke 18:34 as his scripture.

Benediction by J. M. Rolen, Kerman.

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## FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Services opened by singing "I Am Thine O Lord" and "Heavenly Sunlight" led by Rev. Joe Mooneyham accompanied by Mary Moore.

Rev. Arvel Woolery Firebaugh, read Phillipians 2:9-14 as his scripture reading.

Prayer by Rev. Amos Fagan, Tulare.

Centralization Fund Treasurer's report was read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Motion carried that plans for centralization be discussed.

Report of Executive Board was read and accepted. (See Reports.)

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Rev. F. A. McCage was elected on Executive Board. (5 years.)

Rev. H. E. Dixon was elected to Executive board to replace Rev. A. R. Deaton. (2 years).

Resolution No. 3 was read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Motion carried that a standing vote of thanks be given outgoing officers.

An itemized financial report of State Mission Board was given by Rev. Winston Lawless, treasurer.

Motion carried that clerk be responsible for proof reading minutes.

Motion carried that Richmond's invitation for 1954 National Association be inserted in letter to National Association.



## ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Services opened by singing "Send The Light" led by Rev. Delmer Scroggins accompanied by June Rolen.

Prayer by Rev. Bennie Brown, Campbell.

Rev. F. A. McCage brought the message using James 1:2-12 as his scripture and "Tempted-Tried" as his subject.

Special "Farther Along" was sung by Wm. J. Rush, Georgia Reynolds, Delmer Scroggins, and Loren Rush accompanied by Mary Sue Lindsey.

An old fashioned handshake was given Rev. J. L. Waltman, Rev. H. E. Dixon, and Rev. Neal Moore.

Benediction by Rev. H. H. Easterwood, Corcoran.

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## FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened by singing "Loyalty to Christ and "Praise Him" led by Arlie Miller accompanied by Mary Moore.

Prayer by Rev. Earl Jenson.

Resolution No. 4 was read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Motion carried that Rev. Dean Moore be retained as centralization treasurer.

Adjournment until next session.

Dismissed by singing "Amazing Grace" and a handshake.

RALPH HAMPTON, Moderator  
June Rolen, Clerk.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Golden Gate Association meets at Modesto, California, on Thursday night before fourth Sunday in May.

Center Association meets at Parlier, California, on Thursday night before third Sunday in May.

Southern Association meets at Farmersville on Thursday night before first Sunday in May.

West Coast Association meets at Artesia California, on Thursday night before second Sunday in May.



## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Committee on Committees

#### Resolution Committee

Rev. O. H. Doss  
Rev. Earl Jenson  
Rev. Fred Wynn  
Rev. Joe Mooneyham  
Rev. Neal Moore

#### Sunday School Committee

Rev. Dean Moore  
Mary Young  
Rev. V. B. True  
Betty Fry  
Sylvia Adams

#### Finance Committee

Edgar Floyd  
E. O. Lawless  
Lonnie Rolen  
Bud Brock  
Eual Gorman

#### League Committee

Mary Moore  
Rev. Cecil Thurman  
Ira Condley

### Trudie Tilden

Neva Parker

#### Temerance Committee

Fred Brazeal  
Rev. H. E. Dixon  
Goldie Priest  
Alva Holt  
Jessie Hollins

#### Publication Committee

Rev. Winston Lawless  
Linda Conner  
Roy Wade  
Teddie Thurman  
Ola Smithey

#### Obituary Committee

Golda Jenson  
Sue Martin  
Daisy Stacks  
Maisie Rogers

#### Auxiliary Committee

Zella Ramsey  
Betty Gregory  
Bobbie McCage  
Goldie Priest  
Allyne Lawless

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### Sunday School Committee

1. We recommend that each church adopt and use the six point record system.

2. We recommend the exclusive use of Free Will Baptist literature and that all officers and teachers be members of a Free Will Baptist Church. We further recommend that pastors and teachers cooperate to create more interest in Sunday School.

### Publication Committee

We recommend that 1,000 minutes of this session be printed. We find that the Richmond Church plans to print a four page monthly paper called "The California Free Will Baptist". It is to be printed on a subscription basis. The price is \$1.50 a year. We strongly recommend that we support this paper along with our other publications.

## League Committee

We report that there are 26 leagues in the state with four district conventions. We ask that the State League Convention minutes be printed in the State Association minutes for which we send \$40.00.

## Auxiliary Committee

There are only seven auxiliaries in the state, therefore, we recommend that the pastors of the other twenty-nine churches promote the organization of an auxiliary in each church.

We ask that the Auxiliary Convention minutes be printed in the State Association minutes for which we send \$40.00.

## Temperance Committee

We wish to report as follows: Our first consideration is, that we search ourselves as to the position in which we stand as Christians, and that we give our most earnest thought to abstaining from anything which would unchristianize us in the eyes or minds of sinners. Therefore, let us recommend temperance in all things.

## Obituary Committee

We wish to report that God has called fifteen members from our midst, West Coast, 4; Golden Gate, 4; Center, 4; Southern, 3.

## Finance Committee

## Resolution Committee

1. Whereas so many are being ordained to the ministry, who are not in need of ordination, or who are not engaged in a work in which ordination is essential, and since ordination is the highest honor that this great denomination can bestow on anyone; Be it resolved, that this association recommend to the subordinate associations that they refrain from ordaining anyone to the ministry who is not engaged in a work that necessitates ordination.

2. Be it resolved, that By-Law No. 9 of the Home Mission By-Laws be changed to read 25 per cent to Foreign Missions, 25 per cent to National Home Missions, and 50 per cent to State Home Missions.

3. Be it resolved, that we give this church, the moderator, clerk and everyone that had a part in making this association a success, a standing vote of thanks.

4. Be it resolved that each church member over 21 years of age give \$3.50 annually and that all under 21 \$2.00 to purchase property for centralizing state association and youth camp.

## Executive Board

The Executive Board met with the State League Board

February 26, 1953, at Orange Cove with Rev. O. H. Doss, Rev. F. A. McCage, Rev. Dean Moore and Rev. L. L. Davis of the Executive Board present, and Rev. Dean Moore, Rev. L. L. Davis and Delmer Sharp of the League Board present. Rev. Winston Lawless and Rev. O. D. Scroggins, visiting ministers, were asked to sit in council.

The group went into the Sierra Nevada Mountains 25 miles east of Orange Cove to see the property which could be bought for centralization and youth camp. Upon returning, after much discussion, the board voted to recommend to the association that we do not buy property in the Sierra Nevada Mountains but consider property in the San Joaquin Valley or in the coastal area.

The Board met June 7, 1953, at Richmond with Rev. O. H. Doss (chairman), Rev. F. A. McCage (clerk), and Rev. Dean Moore present and made an itenary for Rev. Ralph Lightsey of the Bible College for August 13-26, 1953.

The board met June 18, 1953, at Kerman with Rev. O. H. Doss (chairman), Rev. F. A. McCage (Clerk), and Rev. L. L. Davis present. A motion by Rev. Dean Moore, seconded by Rev. L. L. Davis that the board recommend the state association declare Rev. Austin Deaton's office on the board vacant as he has been unable to attend the meetings of the board. Carried.

Motion by Rev. L. L. Davis, seconded by Rev. F. A. McCage, that the board recommend that the association elect active pastors to the state executive board. Carried.

#### Treasurer's Report 1952-'53

##### Receipts:

Center Association \$100.00, Golden Gate \$100.00, Southern \$100.00, West Coast \$100.00, Auxiliary Convention \$30.00, State League Rally \$40.00, Tent \$77.80, Rev. Florence \$10.00.

Balance 1951-'52 \$83.43 Grand Total \$641.23

##### Disbursements:

Moderator \$15.00, Clerk \$25.00, Tulare (host church) \$140.00, National Association \$30.00, programs for 1952 sessions \$9.00, Executive board travel expense (4¢ per mile) to Rev. F. A. McCage \$10.00, Rev. H. E. Dixon \$12.00, Rev. O. H. Doss \$12.80, personalized checks \$1.45, A-1 Print Shop for 1000 minutes \$157.70, Executive board travel expense (paid in February) Rev. F. A. McCage \$4.00, Rev. O. H. Doss \$6.72, Rev. Dean Moore \$18.40, ribbon and printing of ribbons for delegates (50), deacons (50), and ministers (100) \$18.07.

Total disbursements \$460.14.

Balance June 17, 1953 \$181.09.

Winnie McLain, Treasurer

## Mission Board Financial Report

Total Amount Received \$1060.58, 1952 Balance \$503.64.

### Disbursements:

Home Mission \$161.92, Foreign Missions \$161.95, Mission Board travel expense (4¢ per mile) \$87.60, Misc. expense (letterheads, postage, telephone calls) \$44.70. Total expenditures \$467.17.

Balance June 1, 1953 \$1096.68.

Winston Lawless, Sec.- Treasurer

## State Centralization Fund Report

Receipts: State League Convention \$350.00, Churches \$227.62.  
Balance June 17, 1953, \$577.62.

Dean Moore, Treasurer

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## LETTERS FROM ASSOCIATIONS

### GOLDEN GATE ASSOCIATION

To the State Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Kerman Church June 17-19, 1953:

We send as delegates Pat Smith, Ruth Walker, Sylvia Adams, Virgie Moore, Rhoda Moore, Linda Conner, Neva Parker, Wanda Brock, Joy McLain Betty Wisdom, Hazel Landers, T. W. Webb, Bud Brock whom we pray you will receive to sit with you in your Godly deliberations.

State of religion, good; number of churches, 13; membership, 938; deceased, 4; prayer meetings, 13; Sunday schools, 13; average attendance of Sunday School, 834; leagues, 8; auxiliaries, 3; value of church property, \$198,000.00; amount spent for building and repairs, \$17,803.08; evangelists, \$1127.30, benevolence, \$290.25, Missions \$2158.87, paid pastors \$18,899.20. Number of ordained ministers 43, licensed ministers 10, deacons 46.

We send \$140.00 as expense money.

The Richmond Church of the Golden Gate Association would like to entertain the 1954 National Association.

Ralph Hampton, Moderator

Mae Graham, Clerk.

143 8th Street, Turlock, Calif.

### Center Association

To the State Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Kerman Church June 17-19, 1953.

We send as delegates Sue Martin, Lonnie Rolen, Alva Holt, Ira Condley, Edith Pillow, Lucy Parker, Clara Humphrey, as alternates Ella Mae Hupp, Geneva Hatcher, Evelyn



Holt, Ada Parker, Lela Wilson, Yvonne Stiggins, Mary Young whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your Godly deliberations.

State of religion, good; number of churches, 7; membership, 644; prayer meetings, 7; Sunday Schools, 7; average Sunday School attendance, 381; leagues, 5; average league attendance, 105; auxiliaries, 4; average auxiliary attendance 113; value of church property \$100,000.00, pastors' salaries past year, \$12,248.80, expense for evangelistic work, \$898.62; expense of building and repairs, \$6,404.42, incidental expense including utilities, \$1,962.53, Home Mission contributions \$807.52, number of ministers, 27; number of deacons, 17.

We send \$120.00 as minute and expense money.

O. H. Doss, Moderator

Gladys M. Johnson, Clerk

1119 Hoag, Sanger, Calif.

### Southern Association

To the State Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Kerman Church at Kerman, California, June 17-19, 1953.

We send as delegates our beloved brethren Fred Brazeal, E. O. Lawless, Maisie Rogers, Ann Brown, Faye Cummings, Lavene Booth, alternates Betty Fry, Joan Pool, Trudie Tilden, Velma Loftin, Cleve Mauldin, and Eula Ewing, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your Godly deliberations.

State of religion, good; number of churches, 9; total membership, 459; prayer meetings, 9; Sunday Schools, 9; Leagues, 8; auxiliaries, 1; paid pastors, \$7,942.00; paid evangelists, \$847.99; Home Mission, \$515.16; building and repairs, \$10,031.92; education, \$845.62; publication, \$845.62; value of church property, \$45,500.00; number of ministers, 25; number of deacons, 16.

We enclose \$110.00 for minutes and expense money.

Done by order of Southern Association assembled in conference this 7-8th day May, 1953.

Amos Fagan Moderator

Winnia McGuire, Clerk

2647 Niles Street

Bakersfield, California

Phone 25993

### West Coast Association

To the State Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with the Kerman Church at Kerman, California, June 17-19, 1953.

We send as delegates M. A. Cunningham, John Campbell,

Mrs. E. L. Terry, Eva Bonner, Daisy Stacks, Mrs. Dean Henry, and Lena Zackery, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your Godly deliberations.

State of religion, good; number of churches, 7; total membership, 437; prayer meetings, 7; Sunday Schools, 7; leagues, 6; paid pastors \$7,202.50; paid evangelists \$551.50; building and repairs, \$3,980.97; value of church property, \$54,000.00, number of ministers, 20.

We enclose \$100.00 for minutes and expense money.

Cecil Thurman, Moderator  
Jack Craven, Jr., Clerk  
533 South Derby  
Arvin, California

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### MINISTERS' ROLL

Finney G. Berry, 2433 S. Eleventh Street, Fresno, California.  
Bennie Brown, 1918 Main Street, Santa Clara, California.  
I. L. Boggs, Los Gatos, California  
Ira Condley, Farlier, California.  
Lester Davis, 3805 Laurite Street, Fresno, California.  
H. E. Dixon, 1331 E. 77th Street, Los Angeles, California.  
Orbin H. Doss, P. O. Box 61, Kerman, California.  
H. H. Easterwood, Corcoran, California.  
Amos Fagan, 215 North "N", Tulare, California.  
Joy Freeman, P. O. Box 37, Kerman, California.  
Eual Gorman, 5819 Shull, Bell Gardens, California.  
Robert L. Groves, Calwa, California.  
Ralph Hampton, 2202 North Sixth, Ceres, California.  
Riley Hollins, Route 6, Box 618, Fresno, California.  
Wm. A. Huddleston, P. O. Box 894, Brentwood, California.  
Herman Hupp, P. O. Box 532, Fowler, California.  
Earl Jenson, Landers and "C" Streets, Turlock, California.  
Wade Jernigan, 1212 Eugene Avenue, Modesto, California.  
William Johnson, 1119 Hoag, Sanger, California.  
Winston Lawless, 2469 Thompson, Selma, California.  
Lonnie McAllister, P. O. Box 84, Kerman, California.  
F. A. McCage, 273 Paul Avenue, Salinas, California.  
Joe Mooneyham, 535 West Second Street, Tulare, California.  
Dean Moore, 1718 Lincoln Avenue, Richmond, California.  
Neal Moore, P. O. Box 236, Castorville, California.  
B. H. Pevyhouse, Stigler, Oklahoma.  
G. B. Ramsey, 1404 Tucker, Selma, California.  
Lee Ramsey, Route 2, Box 336-AA, Kerman, California.  
D. J. Rowlett, P. O. Box 12, Farmersville, California.  
O. D. Scroggins, P. O. Box 411, Parlier, California.  
Ira Smithey, 721 West Eighth, Hanford, California.

Harold Talley, P. O. Box 25, Orange Cove, California.  
Lloyd Talley, P. O. Box 171, Orange Cove, California.  
Cecil Thurman, 312 Terry Cesta Lane, Shafter, California.  
Orvil Thurman, 4513 Mesa Drive, Bakersfield, California.  
V. B. True, 106 Ven Buren, Taft, California.  
J. L. Waltman, 145 Eighth Street, Turlock, California.  
C. E. Wilkinson, Selma, California.  
Arvel E. Woolery, 251 Sierra View, Porterville, California.  
Fred Wynn, 832 Orange Avenue, Arvin, California.  
DeArthur Yandell, 3805 Laurite, Fresno, California.



#### Finance Committee

1. We recommend the associations pay the following amounts next year: Golden Gate - \$155.00; Center - \$140.00; Southern - \$130.00; West Coast - \$120.00.

2. We recommend that \$220.00 be given to the host church for expenses of the state association.  
(This item should have been inserted on page 9)



# Women's Auxiliary Convention

The fifth session of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention met with the Kerman Church June 17, 1953, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Opened by singing "In The Sweet By and By" led by Mrs. Marjorie Winters, Sanger, accompanied by Mrs. Sue Lindsey, Kerman.

Scripture lesson II Timothy 2:11-15 was read by Allyne Lawless, Selma.

Prayer by Rev. O. H. Doss, Kerman.

Welcome by Zella Ramsey, Kerman, and response by Virginia Hupp, Calwa.

Recognition and introduction of women from the following auxiliaries: Turlock, Modesto, Kerman, Selma, Richmond, and Calwa. Visiting women from Sanger, Hughson, Stockton and Hanford were welcomed. Ministers and deacons were introduced and welcomed.

Motion carried that president appoint committees. Committees were appointed as follows:

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## REGISTRATION

Lois Miller, Chairman  
Sue Martin  
Doris Henley  
Ila Huddleston

## RESOLUTION

Virginia Hupp  
Florene Sharp  
Golda Jenson  
Allyne Lawless

## FINANCE

Jessie Hollins  
Zella Ramsey  
Ora Hupp  
Ella Mae Foster

## OBITUARY

Ruth Walker  
Pearl Davis  
Patti McLain  
Mary Hector

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The president, Goldie Priest, talked on "Our Responsibility Toward Youth". She quoted I Timothy 3:4, Titus 2:4, Proverbs 13:24 and many other scriptures.

Prayer by Rev. Winston Lawless, Selma.

After an intermission the convention came together by singing "When We All Get To Heaven" led by Mrs. Marjorie Winters Sanger.

Prayer by Sybil Sweeten Stockton.

Special song "Jesus Lover of My Soul" was sung by Sue

Lindsey and Georgia Reynolds, Kerman, accompanied by June Rolen, Kerman.

Rev. Earl Jenson, Turlock, brought the message on "Winning More Youth for Christ", scripture II Timothy 1:1-13.

"A Soul Winner For Jesus" was sung.

Benediction by Rev. Ira Smithey, Hanford.

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### Afternoon Session

Opened with singing by Ruth Walker, Modesto, accompanied by Sue Lindsey.

Prayer by Ola Smithey, Hanford.

Solo "His Eye Is On The Sparrow" was sung by Patti McLain, Kerman.

Reports of the following department chairmen were given:

Enlistment, Cleo Doss.

Christian Education, Gladys Stevens. (Linda Stevens gave a stewardship oration "Always Abounding".)

Study Courses, Jo Hupp.

Program and Publicity, Ella Mae Foster.

Personal Service, June Rolen.

Secretary-Treasurer, Winnie McLain.

Treasurer's report was read and by motion accepted.

Petitionary letter from Corcoran was read and they were accepted into convention.

October convention was placed at Modesto and February convention was placed at Kerman.

Reports of Obituary and Registration Committees were read and accepted.

Finance Committee report No. 1 was read and accepted.

Motion carried that President appoint someone to buy a Bible for Linda Stevens who gave the stewardship oration. Patti McLain and Gladys Stevens were appointed.

Finance reports No. 2 and 3 were read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Resolutions Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 were read and accepted (See Reports.)

An offering of \$26 37 for youth encampment was given.

Resolution No. 6 was read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Motion carried that reports be sent in only annually ten days before annual convention.

Motion carried that President appoint delegates to National Convention. Those appointed were: Goldie Jenson, Virginia Hupp, Pearl Davis, Ora Hupp, Mary Moore, Cleo Matthews, Lucille Hampton, Cleo Doss and Allyne Lawless.

Motion carried that any auxiliary members going to convention may act as delegates.

Officers were elected as follows:

President—Goldie Priest, 836 Ventura Avenue, Richmond, California.

Vice President—Virginia Hupp, P. O. Box 65, Selma, California.

Enlistment Chairman, Allyne Lawless, 2469 Thompson, Selma, California.

Christian Education Chairman—Gladys Stevens, Route 1, Box 343-A, Kerman California.

Study Course Chairman—Zella Ramsey, Route 2, Box 336-AA, Kerman, California.

Program and Publicity Chairman—Ella Mae Foster, Route 1, Box 84, Hughson, California.

Personal Service—Ruth Walker, P. O. Box 123, Ceres, California.

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

Motion carried that Ella Mae Foster appoint a committee to assist her in program planning.

Minutes were read and approved.

Officers were installed by Rev. O. H. Doss, Kerman.

A standing vote of thanks was given retiring officers.

Handshake was given new officers while "Blest Be The Tie That Binds" was sung.

Benediction by Rev. Lester L. Davis, Calwa.

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## Committee Reports

### Registration Committee

We wish to give the following report. There were 7 ministers, 42 auxiliary members and 13 visitors making a total present of 62.

### Resolution Committee

1. Resolved, that hereafter resolutions and committee reports that affect the auxiliary work throughout the year be printed in the minutes of the annual session.

2. Resolved, that the first auxiliary convention be held on Saturday, October 10, 1953, the second one on Saturday, February 6, 1954, and the annual session on Wednesday, June 16, 1954, before the state association.

3. Resolved, that the Auxiliary Convention take an offering for the centralization and youth camp fund.

4. We recommend that each auxiliary send \$5.00 each session for feeding fund to host church.

5. Resolved, that we give this church a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality.

6. Resolved, that each auxiliary send 10 cents per member to the October and February conventions and 20 cents to the June convention.

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### Finance Committee

1. We recommend that this convention pay about \$10.00 for a Bible for Linda Stevens.

2. We recommend that we pay \$40.00 for printing of minutes.

3. We recommend that this convention pay \$10.00 to host church.

### Obituary Committee

We are happy to report that God has not called any from our midst.

## STATISTICAL REPORT OF SUBORDINATE ASSOCIATION

	Golden Gate	Center	Southern	West Coast	Total
Churches	13	7	9	7	36
Ministers	43	27	25	20	115
Members	938	644	459	437	2478
No. of Sunday Schools	13	7	9	7	36
No. of Leagues	8	5	8	6	27
No. of Auxiliaries	3	3	1		7
Paid Pastors	\$18,899.20	\$12,248.80	\$7,942.00	\$7,202.50	\$46,292.50
Paid Evangelists	\$1,127.30	\$898.62	\$847.99	\$551.50	\$3,425.41
Paid Home Missions	\$2,158.87	\$807.52	\$515.16		\$3,481.55
Value of Church Property	\$198,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$45,500.00	\$54,000.00	\$397,500.00

# State League Convention

The fourth annual session of the California State League Convention met with the Richmond Church, Richmond, California, June 6-7, 1953.

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President Bud Jenkins called the house to order.

Services opened by singing "Give Of Your Best To The Master" and "Sunlight" led by Mary Sue Lindsey, Kerman, pianist Glenda Purser, Richmond.

Prayer by Bob Smith, Campbell.

Devotional Psalms 51 was read by Rev. Jack Cravens, Arvin.

Welcome address was given by Coy Priest Richmond, and response by Betty Fry, Tulare.

Letters from Center and Southern League Conventions were read and accepted.

Motion carried that West Coast and Golden Gate Conventions be seated pending arrival of their letters.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted by motion.

Motion carried that a sight-seeing tour of Richmond Civic Center be taken at 3:45 P. M.

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

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## RESOLUTION

Clinton Wood, Richmond  
Jack Cravens, Arvin  
Cody Lawless, Tulare  
J. B. Lawless, Selma

## FINANCE

Lonnie Rolen, Kerman.  
Coy Priest, Richmond  
Peggy Moore, Tulare  
W. J. Tuggle Jr., Santa Paula

## REGISTRATION

Mary Moore, Richmond  
Fern McAllister, Kerman  
Marjorie Tuggle, Santa Paula  
Billie Jo Mooneyham, Tulare

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## Eleven O'Clock Service

Services opened by singing "His Way With Thee" and "He Keeps Me Singing". The Sparks Family Quartet, Westminster, sang "No One Ever Cared For Me Like Jesus" and "Mansions Over The Hilltop".

Prayer by Archie Owens, Exeter.



Kerman Quartet sang "Everything Has Been Made Right" and "Do You Know Him".

Rev. Winston Lawless, Selma, brought the message using as his subject "The Privilege of Choice".

Benediction by Carl Young, Selma.

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### Saturday Afternoon Session

Opened with singing "Footsteps of Jesus".

Prayer by Lucille Boyles, Santa Paula.

West Coast Convention letter was read and accepted.

Resolutions 1, 2, 3, and 4 were read and accepted. (See Reports.) In compliance with Resolution 3, Clinton Wood, Carl Young, Jack Cravens, and Lowell Moore were appointed as committee.

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

The next convention will convene May 1-2, 1954, with Selma Church, Central Highway at 99, Selma, Calif. Rev. O. H. Doss, Kerman, was elected to bring the introductory message and Rev. Dean Moore, Richmond, as alternate.

Motion carried that the State League Convention rotate each year from North to South.

Motion carried that a pulpit committee be appointed at the first session of the next convention to select Saturday evening and Sunday morning speakers.

Informative talks were given by Rev. O. H. Doss, "Sponsor"; Arlie Miller, "Enlistment"; June Rolen, "Social Service"; and Lowell Moore, "Finance".

Solos "Then Jesus Came" by Mary Sue Lindsey, Kerman, and "Trust, Try and Prove Me" by Mary Moore, Richmond.

Benediction by Rev. Joe Mooneyham, Tulare.

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### Saturday Evening

Services opened by singing "Stepping In The Light" and several choruses led by Mary Sue Lindsey, pianist Morna Poe. Richmond.

Prayer by Rev. Joe Mooneyham.

Intermediate Sword Drill was led by Johnnie Jenkins, Modesto. Joan Wells, Arvin, received a loving cup as winner and Peggy Clement, Kerman, received a Bible as second place gift.

Special singing by Sparks Family Quartet, Bakersfield Quartet, Kerman Quartet, and Richmond Quartet.

Rev. Earl Jenson, Turlock, brought the message using



"The Harmony of God's Creation' as his subject.  
Benediction by Rev. Ralph Hampton, Concord.

### Sunday Morning

Services opened by singing "I Am Thine O Lord" and "Sunshine In My Soul".

Prayer by Closter Barlow, Modesto.

Golden Gate League Convention letter was read and accepted.

Rules for judging programs were read and accepted. They are as follows:

Spiritual Message .....	30 points
Clearness of Speech .....	20 points
Preparation .....	20 points
Expression of thought .....	30 points

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Total .....	100 points
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Officers were electd as follows:

Sponsor—Bud Jenkins P. O. Box 123, Ceres, California.

President—Rev. Jerry Dudley, 2016 E. California, Bakersfield, California.

Vice President—Rev. Arlie Miller, P. O. Box 355, Kerman, California.

President—Rev. Jerry Dudley, 2016 E. California, Bakersfield, California.

Vice President—Arlie Miller, P. O. Box 355, Kerman, California.

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

Corresponding Secretary—Johnnie Jenkins, P. O. Box 123, Arvin, California.

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

Chorister—Mary Sue Lindsey, P. O. Box 99, Kerman, California.

Pianist—Morna Poe, 2600 Grant Avenue, Richmond, California

Sword Drill Leader—Rev. Jack Cravens, 533 South Derby, Arvin, California.

### League Board

Delmer T. Priest, Chairman, 836 Ventura, Richmond, California.

Rev. Joe Mooneyham, 535 West Second Street, Tulare, California.

Carl Young, 1520 Mill Street, Selma, California.

Rev. Orvil Thurman, 4513 Mesa Drive, Bakersfield, California.

Rev. Wiley Gregory, 903 Ventura, Santa Paula, California.

Officers were installed by Rev. Dean Moore using II Timothy 2:3-4 as his scripture.

"Take My Life and Let It Be" was sung by the congregation.

Motion carried that Youth Camp funds be sent to Rev. Dean Moore, 1718 Lincoln Avenue, Richmond, California.

Special singing by a mixed league quartet, Sparks Family, Richmond, Kerman, and Bakersfield quartets.

Prayer by Rev. F. A. McCage, Salinas.

Rev. Wiley Gregory, Santa Paula, brought the message using "Building For God" as his subject.

Benediction by Rev. Jerry Dudley, Bakersfield.

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### Sunday Afternoon

Services opened with singing by Sparks Family.

Prayer by Bob Smith, Campbell.

Judges appointed for the programs were Rev. Joe Mooneyham, Tommy Montgomery, Calwa; Grady Henley, Modesto; Rev. Jack Cravens, and Rev. Ralph Hampton.

Santa Paula representing West Coast presented "The Gardner"; Bakersfield representing Southern presented "Faith of Our Fathers"; Kerman representing Center presented "The Life of Fanny J. Crosby"; and Richmond representing Golden Gate presented "The Lights Along The Shore". The program banner was won by Richmond.

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

Benediction by Rev. Clinton Wood.

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### Committee Reports

#### RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

1. Be it resolved, that, the state league convention meet Saturday and first Sunday in May.

2. Be it resolved, that, two sword drill contestants be sent to National League Conference.

3. Be it resolved, that, a committee be appointed to write rules for judging programs.

4. Be it resolved, that, two programs be presented on Saturday and two on Sunday.

5. Be it resolved, that, a standing vote of thanks be given Richmond Church for their hospitality.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. We recommend that each subordinate league convention send \$100.00 to the State Convention, \$75.00 for convention expenses and \$25.00 for host church.
2. We recommend that each individual leaguer pay \$1.00 every six months to establish a fund for a youth camp.
3. We recommend that \$40.00 be paid to State Association for printing of minutes.
4. We recommend that \$75.00 be given to sword drill winner for expenses to National League Conference.

## REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

We wish to give the following report:

354 Leaguers Present  
20 Ministers Present  
4 Association Conventions Represented  
19 Churches Represented.

Bud Jenkins, President  
June Rolen, Recording Secretary

## BY-LAWS OF HOME 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 moneys for missions shall be sent through this board.
3. Requests 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.
9. All moneys shall be distributed as follows: 25 per cent paid to Foreign Missions, 25 per cent to National Home Missions and 50 per cent will remain in the state treasury to be used for home missions in California.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory sermon.
  2. House called to order by 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 rise and address the Moderator. Personal reflections 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 member and 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.

1. 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 Baptist 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 in broader fields.

### Article 3

The state association shall have the right to settle any pointed 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, 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 then 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 meeting 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 interests 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.

### Article 11

No minister will be received into this association who cannot obtain a recommendation from the association from which he comes, and that said association be a member of the state or national association, and that he obtain a recommendation from the California State Minister's Conference before he is allowed to pastor a church in California.

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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 appearance 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 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 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 an 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 Scripture 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. **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, suffering, death and resurrection effected 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.

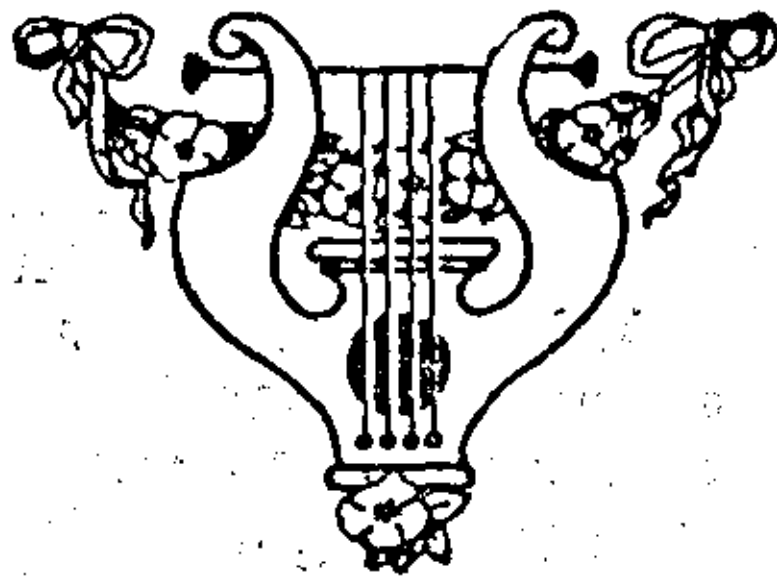
12. **PERSISTENCE** — All believers in Christ, who through grace, persevere in holiness to the end of life, have the promise of eternal salvation.

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 endorsed it in the Gospel (Matt. 23:23) 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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