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**CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION**  
of  
**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**



WHEN CONVENED WITH THE  
**KERMAN FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
KERMAN, CALIFORNIA

**June 13-15, 1956**

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*The next session will convene with the Bell Gardens Church, 7216 Garfield Avenue, Bell Gardens, California, on Wednesday night after the second Sunday in June, 1957 (June 12-14).*

## OFFICERS

Moderator ..... Rev. R. C. Hampton  
                                 P.O. Box 94, Ceres, California, Phone KE 7-1461  
 Assistant Moderator ..... Rev. Cecil Thurman  
                                 2064 Tyler Avenue, Fresno, California, Phone 8-2353  
 Clerk and Treasurer ..... Rev. Gene Rogers  
                                 6034 Gotham Street, Bell Gardens, California, Phone TO 9-8927  
 Assistant Clerk and Treasurer ..... Mrs. June Rolen  
                                 P.O. Box 138, Kerman, California, Phone 5110

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Winston Lawless ..... 5 Years  
                                 10681 S. Highland Avenue, Selma, California  
 Rev. Arvel Woolery ..... 4 Years  
                                 P.O. Box 642, Strathmore, California  
 Rev. Francis Boyle, Chairman ..... 3 Years  
                                 508 E. "D" Street, Ontario, California  
 Rev. Cecil Fassio ..... 2 Years  
                                 Petaluma, California  
 Rev. Dean Moore, Secretary ..... 1 Year  
                                 5956 Monterey Avenue, Richmond 9, California

## MISSION BOARD

Rev. J. L. Waltman ..... 5 Years  
                                 667 Eighth Street, Turlock, California  
 Rev. Jerry Dudley, Secretary ..... 4 Years  
                                 740 N. "F" Street, Tulare, California  
 Rev. George McLain ..... 3 Years  
                                 P.O. Box 418, Campbell, California  
 Rev. Earl Jensen, Chairman ..... 2 Years  
                                 Lander and "C" Streets, Turlock, California  
 Rev. Wiley Gregory ..... 1 Year  
                                 P.O. Box 673, Blythe, California

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

Pete Conner .....	5 Years
2540 Wimbledon, Napa, California	
Rev. Gene Rogers .....	4 Years
6034 Gotham Street, Bell Gardens, California	
Rev. F. A. McCage .....	3 Years
6590 Fry Street, Bell Gardens, California	
Rev. E. E. Morris, Chairman .....	2 Years
1726 Lincoln Avenue, Richmond, California	
Rev. B. J. Brown, Secretary .....	1 Year

## SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Delmer Priest .....	5 Years
836 Ventura Avenue, Richmond, California	
Mrs. Patti McLain .....	4 Years
4674 El Monte Way, Fresno, California	
Rev. Lonnie Rolen, Chairman .....	3 Years
P.O. Box 138, Kerman, California	
Delmer Sharp .....	2 Years
P.O. Box 61, Kerman, California	
Mrs. Zella Ramsey, Secretary .....	1 Year
349 S. Shasta, Kerman, California	

## LEAGUE BOARD

Rev. Ray Letsinger .....	5 Years
251 Sierra View, Porterville, California	
Rev. Cecil Fassio .....	4 Years
Petaluma, California	
Delmer Priest .....	3 Years
836 Ventura Avenue, Richmond, California	
Rev. Wiley Gregory .....	2 Years
P.O. Box 673, Blythe, California	
Rev. Joe Mooneyham .....	1 Year
General Delivery, Ceres, California	

## **PROCEEDINGS**

### **Wednesday Evening**

The Thirteenth Annual Session of the California State Association of Free Will Baptists opened with singing "Shouting on the Hills" led by Rev. Ray Letsinger, Porterville, accompanied by Miss Betty Fry, Tulare.

Prayer by Rev. George McLain, Campbell.

The Kerman quartet sang, "Swing Low Sweet Chariot" and "I Can Talk to Him Anytime."

The house was called to order by the Clerk who introduced the Moderator.

Prayer by Rev. F. A. McCage, Bell Gardens.

Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Dudley, Tulare, sang, "It's Your Life."

Rev. Lonnie McAlister brought the introductory message. His theme "Let us go up at once," Numbers 13:30.

A Committee on Committees was appointed by the Moderator. Those appointed were Jess Rolen, Chairman; Rev. Gene Rogers; Mrs. Zella Ramsey; Mrs. Beatrice Dudley; and Rev. B. J. Brown.

Benediction by Rev. Dean Moore, El Sobrante.

### **Thursday Morning**

Services opened with singing, "Sitting at the Feet of Jesus" led by Rev. Clinton Wood, Concord, accompanied by Miss Betty Fry, Tulare.

Prayer by Rev. E. E. Morris, Richmond.

Rev. B. J. Brown, Salinas, read James 1:1-10 for the scripture lesson.

Letters were read and accepted and delegates seated from the West Coast, Southern, and Center Associations.

Officers were elected as follows:

Moderator, Rev. R. C. Hampton; Assistant Moderator, Rev. Cecil Thurman; Clerk and Treasurer, Rev. Gene Rogers; Assistant Clerk and Treasurer, Mrs. June Rolen.

The Golden Gate Association letter was read and accepted, and the delegates seated.

Motion carried to adopt program.

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

Visiting Brethren, Rev. William J. Mishler, National Sunday School Promotional Secretary, Nashville, Tennessee; Rev. and Mrs. P. E. Lambert of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma; and Odis Farris of Nashville, Tennessee, were invited to sit in council as advisory members and given the right hand of fellowship.

The Divine Service Committee reported that Rev. William J. Mishler would bring the 11:00 O'Clock message Thursday morning, Rev. E. E. Morris would bring the Thursday evening message and Rev. F. A. McCage would bring the Friday 11:00 O'Clock message.

Motion carried to adjourn business until 1:30 p.m.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. George McClain, Campbell.

### **Eleven O'Clock Service**

Service opened with singing, "I Love My Saviour" led by Rev. Clinton Wood, Concord, accompanied by Miss Betty Fry, Tulare.

Prayer by Odis Farris, Nashville, Tennessee.

Solo, "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow" by Mrs. Marjorie Winters, Corcoran.

Prayer by Rev. Lonnie Rolen, Kerman.

Duet, "Nothing Can Compare" by Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Dudley.



Rev. William J. Mishler brought the message using as his text I Corinthians 3:1, his theme, "Just Three Men."

Benediction by Rev. Sam Winters, Corcoran.

### **Afternoon Session**

Opened with singing, "His Way With Thee" led by Rev. Clinton Wood, Concord, accompanied by Miss Betty Fry, Tulare.

Prayer by Pete Conner, Richmond.

Scripture reading, Phillipians 4:5-9 was read by Rev. Bob Evans, Porterville.

Report of Mission Board was given by Rev. Earl Jensen, Chairman. (See Reports.)

Motion carried to accept the report.

Rev. J. L. Waltman was elected 5 year member on the Mission Board.

Resignation of Rev. Wade Jernigan as Mission Board Member was read and accepted.

Rev. George W. McLlain, Campbell, was elected to replace Rev. Wade Jernigan on the Mission Board.

Report of Promotional Secretary, Rev. R. C. Hampton, was read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Motion carried to give Rev. R. C. Hampton a standing vote of thanks.

Motion carried to continue State Cooperative Plan.

Executive Board report was read. (See Reports.)

Motion carried to accept report and consider recommendations.

Motion carried that recommendation No. 1 be referred to the Resolution Committee and recommendation No. 2 be referred to the Finance Committee. (See Reports.)

Report of Christian Education Board was given by Rev. Jerry Dudley. (See Reports.)

Motion carried to accept the report.

Motion carried to give teachers and board members a standing vote of thanks.

The Christian Education Board was elected as follows:

Pete Conner, 5 years; Rev. Gene Rogers, 4 years; Rev. F. A. McCage, 3 years; Rev. E. E. Morris, 2 years; and Rev. B. J. Brown, 1 year.

Rev. Winston Lawless was elected 5 year Executive Board Member.

Rev. Gene Rogers, State League President, gave a report of the State League Convention which convened May 5-6 at Bell Gardens, California.

Report of State Women's Auxiliary Convention was given by Mrs. Gladys Stevens, State Auxiliary President.

Rev. William J. Mishler, National Sunday School Promotional Secretary, spoke on Sunday School.

An offering of \$55.27 was taken for the National Sunday School Promotional Department.

Motion carried that the next annual association meet with the Bell Gardens Church, 7216 Garfield Avenue, Bell Gardens, California, June 12-14, 1957.

Rev. B. J. Brown, Salinas, was elected to bring the introductory message and Rev. Jerry Dudley, Tulare, was elected alternate.

Motion carried that Moderator appoint delegates to National Association. Those appointed were Delmer Priest and Mrs. Mary Moore.

Rev. George McLain was elected to be recommended to be placed on the National General Board.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. J. S. Cox, Merced.



### **Thursday Evening Service**

Services opened with singing, "He Leadeth Me" led by Rev. Joe Mooneyham, Modesto, accompanied by Miss Betty Fry, Tulare.

Prayer by Rev. Lee Ramsey, Kerman.

Preachers quartet sang, "Glad Reunion Day," and the Tulare quartet sang, "Have You Heard" and "Search Me Lord."

Prayer by Rev. Wade Jernigan, Kerman.

Solo, "Enough For Me" by Miss Betty Fry, Tulare.

Rev. E. E. Morris brought the message, "Keys of the Kingdom" from Matthew 16:19.

Dismissed in prayer by William J. Rush, Kerman.

### **Friday Morning Session**

Opened with singing, "Where the Soul Never Dies" led by William J. Rush, Kerman, accompanied by Miss Betty Fry, Tulare.

Delmer Priest, Richmond, gave devotional reading from Psalm 23.

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

Rules of Order was read by the Moderator.

Resolution No. 1 was read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Rev. Ralph C. Hampton was reelected as Promotional Secretary.

Resolution No. 2 was read and accepted. (See Reports.)

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

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

A Sunday School Board was elected as follows:

Delmer Priest, 5 years; Mrs. Patti McLain, 4 years; Rev. Lonnie Rolen, 3 years; Delmer Sharp, 2 years; and Mrs. Zella Ramsey, 1 year.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Francis Boyle, Ontario.

## **Eleven O'Clock Service**

Opened with singing, "The Way of the Cross Leads Home" led by Rev. Jerry Dudley, Tulare, accompanied by Miss Betty Fry, Tulare.

Prayer by Rev. J. S. Cox, Merced.

Special singing by Preachers quartet, "When Morning Comes". Solo by Miss Betty Fry, Tulare, "I'll Meet You in the Morning."

Message was brought by Rev. F. A. McCage, Bell Gardens, his theme being, "Abundant Life."

Motion carried to enter into business.

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

Report of Obituary Committee was read and a moment of silent prayer was given. (See Reports.)

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

Report of State Treasurer was read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Report of State Centralization Treasurer was read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Motion carried to retain Rev. Dean Moore as State Centralization Treasurer.

Motion carried that Moderator appoint Program Committee. Those appointed were Rev. Ray Letsinger, Rev. Jerry Dudley, and Rev. Arvel Woolery.

Motion carried to adjourn until 1:30 p.m.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Lonnie Rolen, Kerman.

## **Afternoon Session**

Opened with singing, "Be a Light" led by Rev. Clinton Wood, Concord, accompanied by Miss Betty Fry, Tulare.

Prayer by Rev. I. B. Dunaway, Fresno.

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

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

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

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

Motion was made by Rev. Wade Jernigan and seconded by Rev. Arvel Woolery to accept Resolution No. 4. Motion carried. (See Reports.)

Resolution No. 5 was read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Motion carried to invite the National Association to Tulare, California.

Rev. Winston Lawless gave information concerning the Youth Camp at Hume Lake.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Solo, "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow" by Miss Betty Fry, Tulare.

Handshake was given to Kerman women, outgoing officers, and speakers of entire session.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. B. J. Brown, Salinas.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

#### DIVINE SERVICE

Roy Wade  
Delmer Priest  
R. R. Kempt  
J. A. Roberts

#### LEAGUE

Lonnie Rolen  
Stella Bentley  
Francis Boyle  
B. J. Brown  
Clinton Wood

#### RESOLUTION

Earl Jensen  
Lee Ramsey  
F. A. McCage  
E. E. Morris  
Winston Lawless

#### TEMPERANCE

John Keaton  
Bobbie McCage  
Fern McAlister  
Luella Condley  
Elena Higgs

#### FINANCE

O. H. Doss  
Jerry Dudley  
Ray Letsinger  
George McLain  
Herman Hupp

#### PUBLICATION

Lonnie McAlister  
Edward Johns  
Gene Rial  
Beatrice Dudley  
Bob Smith

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Dean Moore  
Della King  
Wanda Rogers  
Pauline Nickells  
Lucille Hampton

#### AUXILIARY

Cleo Doss  
Gladys Stevens  
Marjorie Winters  
Winnie McLain  
Lettie McFarland

#### OBITUARY

Daisy Stacks  
Virginia Peavyhouse  
Lena Zackary  
Goldie Jensen

## **Resolution Committee**

1. Be it resolved that the cooperative fund be allocated as follows:

National Association - 35% up to and not to exceed  
\$7,500 for fiscal year June 1, 1956 to May 31, 1957.

State Missions .....35%      State Paper .....5%

Centralization .....7.5%      State College Fund ..10%

Promotional Department .....7.5%

2. Be it resolved that no person serve on more than one standing board.
3. Be it resolved that the Christian Education Board be made a permanent board. The present board members serve 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 years, and election thereafter be as order requires.
4. Be it resolved that we authorize the Free Will Baptist Mission Board of California to borrow up to \$15,000 for church extension work.
5. Be it resolved that we give a standing vote of thanks to the Kerman Church for hospitality and provisions extended to this Association during this session.

## **Finance Committee**

1. We recommend that the associations send the following amounts to the State Association in 1957: Golden Gate \$175; Center \$125; Southern \$135; West Coast \$115, of which \$225 will be paid the host church.
2. We recommend that \$20 be paid the Moderator, \$35 be paid the Clerk, and \$15 be paid the Assistant Clerk.

3. We recommend that 1,000 minutes be printed and the Clerk send them to each pastor according to membership.
4. We recommend that \$30 be sent to the National Association for minutes.
5. We recommend that the Vallejo Mission be paid the balance borrowed by the State Association, \$290.
6. We recommend the Cooperative Plan be supported by tithes and offerings.
7. We recommend that the Clerk buy suitable briefcase for the keeping of records.

### **Sunday School Committee**

We recommend that this body elect a State Sunday School Board for the explicit purpose of organizing a district Sunday School Workers' Conference and to work toward standardization of our Sunday Schools.

### **League Committee**

1. We recommend that all leaguers use Free Will Baptist League literature.
2. We recommend that our pastors and church leaders put forth a greater effort to encourage league work in our churches.
3. We recommend that our leaguers be given an active part in our worship services.
4. We recommend that each of our leagues send 10% of their offerings to the National League Headquarters.
5. We recommend that our 1956 State League 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 be temperate in all things, 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 that might offend our fellowman or unchristianize us in the eyes or minds of sinners. Therefore, let us recommend temperance in all things.

## **Publication Committee**

We recommend that our pastors strive to persuade our people to subscribe to all Free Will Baptist Publications.

## **Obituary Committee**

We report that the Lord has called 25 members from our midst in the past year. From the Golden Gate Association 10; from the Center 3; from the Southern 6; from the West Coast 6.

## **Auxiliary Committee**

We report that two new auxiliaries have been organized this past year. We ask that the Auxiliary Convention Minutes be printed in the State Association Minutes, for which we send \$40.

## **Executive Board Report**

The State Executive Board met and organized October 28, 1955, at Turlock, California. Rev. Francis Boyle was elected president and Rev. Dean Moore was elected clerk. Routine business was taken care of at this meeting.

The Board met June 13, 1956, at Kerman, California. At this meeting the board decided upon two recommendations to be presented to the State Association. (See Resolution Report No. 1 and Finance Committee Report No. 5)

## Treasurers' Report, 1955-56

Balance brought forward, 1955 ..... \$ 248.41

### Receipts:

Golden Gate Association .....	\$ 105.00
Center Association .....	90.00
Southern Association .....	80.00
West Coast Association .....	70.00
State Women's Auxiliary .....	40.00
State League Convention .....	40.00
Loyalty Gift Offering .....	114.25
State Women's Auxiliary Centralization .....	24.32
Total Receipts .....	\$ 563.57
Total .....	\$ 811.98

### Disbursements:

Rev. Winston Lawless, Moderator .....	\$ 15.00
Rev. Wade Jernigan, Clerk .....	25.00
Mrs. Tilden, Assistant Clerk .....	10.00
Rev. Lee Ramsey, programs .....	6.49
National Association, loyalty gift .....	114.25
National Association, minutes .....	30.00
State Centralization .....	24.32
Wilkins Print Shop, 1,000 minutes .....	212.54
Wells Florist, flowers, L. L. Davis .....	7.80
Postage, minutes .....	2.40
Memorial Floral Shop, Davis .....	10.30
Fresno Bible House, bulletins .....	5.00
Total Disbursements .....	\$ 463.10

Balance on Hand June 17, 1956 ..... \$ 348.88

*Rev. Wade Jernigan, Treasurer*

### **State Centralization Treasurers' Report**

Balance brought forward .....	\$ 2,155.30
Southern Association .....	128.70
Cooperative Plan .....	1,202.20
Total in Treasure .....	\$ 3,486.20

*Rev. Dean Moore, Treasurer*

### **Cooperative Program Treasurer Report**

Total amount received this year .....	\$ 8,014.78
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#### **Allocations:**

National Cooperative Program, 35% .....	\$2,805.23
California Mission Fund, 25% .....	2,003.69
Centralization Fund, 15% .....	1,202.20
Promotional Department, 12.5% .....	1,001.83
State School Fund, 10% .....	801.44
State Paper, 2.5% .....	200.39
Total Allocations .....	\$ 8,014.78

*Rev. R. C. Hampton, Promotional Sec.-Treas.*

### **Mission Board Report**

The Mission Board reports 11 new churches have been organized during the past year with 3 missions now having services.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

##### **Receipts:**

Balance brought forward, July 1, 1955 .....	\$ 575.74
Cooperative Allocation .....	\$2,003.69
Payment of Loan .....	300.00
Earmarked Receipts .....	30.00
Total Receipts .....	\$ 2,333.69
Total .....	\$ 2,909.43

##### **Disbursements:**

Organization - New Works .....	\$1,140.04
Missions - Rent and Literature .....	590.25
Advertisement .....	31.60
Spanish Mission .....	882.22
Telephone and Mileage .....	72.10
Supplies and Postage .....	18.59
Total Disbursements .....	\$ 2,734.80
Balance on Hand .....	\$ 174.63

## **Christian Education Report**

A six week Bible Institute was taught at the Richmond Church. Rev. Dean Moore and Rev. Wade Jernigan were employed as teachers without pay.

A total of 26 students were enrolled with 17 completing the course.

The next Bible Institute will be held at the Tulare Free Will Baptist Church, Tulare, California.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Cooperative Allocation .....	\$ 801.44
Disbursements:	
Books .....	\$ 74.74
Mileage, Board Meetings .....	41.40
Mileage, Teachers .....	164.05
Check Book .....	1.65
Total Disbursements .....	\$ 281.84
Balance on Hand .....	\$ 519.60

## **LETTERS FROM ASSOCIATIONS**

### **Golden Gate Association**

To the State Association when convened with the Kerman Church, Kerman, California.

We send as delegates Emma Jean Nelson, Hazel Sweeten, Gertrude Knight, Bob Smith, Virginia Peavyhouse, Edith Young, and Evelyn Adkins, whom we pray to sit with you in your Godly deliberations.

Number of churches 24; membership 1,285; state of religion good; deceased 10; prayer meetings 22, Sunday Schools 22; average attendance 1,388; leagues 11; average attendance 136; auxiliaries 6; average attendance 62; paid pastors, \$25,582.67; evangelists \$1,890.11; missions \$1,171.92; building and repairs \$20,512.02; miscellaneous \$10,780.97; value of church property \$301,00.00; number of ministers 42; number of deacons 41. The Golden Gate Association received 7 new churches during the past year. We are sending \$130 for expenses.

*Rev. O. H. Doss, Moderator*  
*Mrs. Mae Graham, Clerk*

## **Center Association**

To the State Association when convened with the Kerman Church, Kerman, California.

We send as delegates Anna Higgs, Myrtle Morris, Ova Goff, Luella Condley, Joe Smith, Robert Furr, and Pauline Nickells.

Number of churches 10, membership 479 state of religion good; deceased 3; condition of prayer meeting good; condition of Sunday School good; average attendance 403; leagues 4; membership of leagues 85; auxiliaries and Y.P.A. 4; paid pastors \$11,189.30; evangelists \$513.51; missions \$912.40; building and repairs \$9,340.77; education \$861.40; miscellaneous \$758.12; value of church property \$165,500.00; ordained ministers 20; number of licensed ministers 3. We are sending \$115 for expenses.

*Rev. Wade Jernigan, Moderator*  
*Mrs. Fern McAlister, Clerk*

## **Southern Association**

To the State Association when convened with the Kerman Church, Kerman, California.

We are sending as delegates Jess Puett, John Keaton, Della King, Vallie Mitchell, Lora Marshall, Stella Bentley, and Lena Zachary, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you in your Godly deliberations.

Number of churches 12; membership 653; deceased 6; state of religion good; number of prayer meetings 11; Sunday Schools 12; average attendance 700; auxiliaries 5; paid pastors \$18,325; evangelists \$934.14; cooperative plan \$1,847.96; building and repairs \$14,376.18; education and publication \$1,383.34; church property value \$138,500; number of ordained ministers 30; number of licensed ministers 3; number of deacons 35. We send \$105 as expense money.

*Rev. Edward Johns, Moderator*  
*Rev. Arville Nelson, Clerk*



## West Coast Association

To the State Association when convened with the Kerman Church, Kerman, California.

We send as delegates Daisy Stacks, Gertrude Tanner, Ruth Holmesley, Betty Durham, Clifford Wright, Gene Rial and J. B. Ledbetter, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you in your Godly deliberations.

Number of churches 13; membership 627; state of religion good; deceased 6 ;Sunday Schools 13; average attendance 626; leagues 7; auxiliaries 4; paid pastors \$22,220.26; evangelists \$1,657.11; cooperative plan \$1,170.39; building and repairs \$2,856.95; miscellaneous \$627.60; value of church property \$200,000; number of ministers 33; number of deacons 43. We are sending \$95 for expenses.

We request the next State Association to meet with the Bell Gardens Church, 7216 Garfield Avenue, Bell Gardens, California.

*Rev. Joe Blair, Moderator  
Chester Burgess, Clerk*

## MINISTERS' ROLL

Boyle, Francis, 508 East "D" Street, Ontario, California  
Bridges, J. E., P. O. Box 305, Orange Cove, California  
Brown, B. J., 776 Holly Street, Salinas, California  
Casteel, Clark, 318 "K" Street, Sanger, California  
Cox, J. S., 1519 Elm, Atwater, California  
Doss, O. H., 915 Acacia, Modesto, California  
Dudley, Jerry, 740 North "F" Street, Tulare, California  
Dunaway, I. B., 4133 Hedges, Fresno, California  
Evans, J. R., 3189 East Date, Porterville, California  
Freeman, Joy, P. O. Box 37, Kerman, California  
Groves, Robert L., 3115 Lewis Avenue, Fresno, California  
Hampton, Ralph C., P. O. Box 94, Ceres, California  
Hupp, Herman, P. O. Box 1129, Riverbank, California  
Jensen, Earl, Landers and "C" Streets, Turlock, California  
Johns, Edward F., 420 W. Marengo, Shafter, California  
Lawless, Winston, 10681 South Highland Ave., Selma, California  
Letsinger, Ray, 251 Sierra View, Porterville, California  
Livingston, W. L., 1033 West 7th Street, Hanford, California  
McAlister, Lonnie, P. O. Box 84, Kerman, California



McCage, F. A., 6590 Fry Street, Bell Gardens, California  
McLain, George W., Box 418, Campbell, California  
Mishler, William J., 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee  
Mooneyham, Joe, General Delivery, Ceres, California  
7 - Moore, Dean, 5956 Monterey Avenue, Richmond 9, California  
Morris, E. E., 1726 Lincoln, Richmond, California  
Ramsey, G. B., 1404 Tucker, Selma, California  
Ramsey, Lee, 349 South Shasta, Kerman, California  
Rial, Leonard C., 416 Riverside, Chowchilla, California  
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Rolen, Lonnie L., P. O. Box 138, Kerman, California  
Shaw, Gene, 201 Madison Street, Taft, California  
— Talley, Harold, 306 "K" Street, Sanger, California  
Thurman, Cecil, 2064 Tyler Avenue, Fresno, California  
— Waltman, J. L., 667-8th Street, Turlock, California  
— Winters, Sam, P. O. Box 761, Corcoran, California  
Wood, J. C., 710 William Way, Concord, California  
Woolery, Arvel E., P. O. Box 642, Strathmore, California

### **LICENSED MINISTERS**

Condley, Ira, 1418 "E" Street, Reedley, California  
Rial, Gene, Huntington Park, California

### **DEACONS' ROLL**

Buchanan, L. E., P. O. Box 55, Parlier, California  
Conner, Pete, 2540 Wimbledon, Napa, California  
Guy, Elo, Clovis, California  
Hall, J. W., P. O. Box 355, Kerman, California  
Henley, Grady, 1251 West 10th Street, Merced, California  
Hunsucker, Greg, Rt. 3, Box 192, Dinuba, California  
R. R. Kempt, 16455 West Nielson, Kerman, California  
McLain, Joy, 4674 Elmonte Way, Fresno, California  
Moore, J. O., 2050 Mariposa Road, Stockton, California  
Oglesby, Mario O., 41 Ely Avenue, Reedley, California  
Priest, Delmer, 836 Ventura, Richmond, California  
Roberts, J. A., Box 123, Ceres, California  
Rolen, J. M., South Shasta Box 410, Kerman, California  
Rush, William J., 17402 West Whitesfield, Kerman, California  
Wade, Roy A., 352 Nast, Tulare, California

## STATISTICAL REPORT OF SUBORDINATE ASSOCIATIONS

ASSOCIATIONS	GOLDEN GATE	CENTER	SOUTHERN	WEST COAST	TOTAL
Churches	24	10	12	13	59
Ministers	42	20	30	29	121
Members	1285	479	653	627	3044
No. of Sunday Schools	22	10	12	13	57
No. of Leagues	11	4	9	7	31
No. of Auxiliaries	6	4	5	4	19
Paid Pastors	\$25,582.67	\$11,189.30	\$18,325.00	\$22,220.26	\$77,317.23
Paid Evangelists	1,890.11	513.57	934.14	1,657.11	4,994.93
Paid Cooperative Program	1,171.92	912.40	1,847.96	1,170.39	5,1026.67
Value of Church Property	301,000.00	165,500.00	138,500.00	200,000.00	805,000.00

## STATE LEAGUE CONVENTION

The seventh annual session of the California State League Convention met at the Free Will Baptist Church, Bell Gardens, California May 5-6, 1956.

Vice President Rev. Francis Boyle called the house to order.

Services opened by singing "He keeps Me Singing" led by Rev. Joe Mooneyham, Modesto with Betty Fry, Tulare, as pianist.

All leaguers were called to the altar for prayer.

Devotional Isaiah 7:15-16 was given by Rev. Bob Brown, Salinas.

Welcome address was given by Marjorie Tuggle, Bell Gardens. Response was given by Barbara Sharp, Kerman.

Letters from Southern, West Coast, and Center League Conventions were read and accepted. An oral report of Golden Gate Convention was given. Motion carried to accept the report and seat the leaguers.

In the absence of the President Ralph Hampton, Jr., Vice President Francis Boyle presided. J. B. Lawless, Selma was elected Vice President pro tem. In absence of the Sponsor Bud Jenkins, Rev. Wade Jernigan was elected Sponsor pro tem.

Committees were appointed as follows:

### RESOLUTION

Gene Rogers  
Roy Giles  
Jack Smith  
Don Robirds  
Bob Brown

### REGISTRATION

Bargaret Spulock  
Barbara Sharp  
Shirley Wright  
Carol Robirds  
Barbara Thompson

### OBITUARY

Linda Stevens  
Sue Barlow  
Larry Moore  
Barbara Spurlock  
Bill Johnson

### FINANCE

Lowell Moore  
David Riley  
Bentrena Eoff  
Charles Arnwine  
Thomas Bentley

Motion carried that a Nominating Committee be elected. Motion carried that a committee of five be elected, one from each of the four district conventions and the fifth from any district.

Those elected were Ed Boyles, Philip Doss, Teddy Wilbanks, T. J. Bostick and James Eoff.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

In absence of the Corresponding Secretary Mary Moore, Fern McAlister was elected to assist the Recording Secretary.

Dismissed by Rev. Earl Jenson, Turlock.

### **Eleven O'Clock Service**

Services opened by singing "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" led by Don Robirds, Modesto.

Prayer by Rev. Winston Lawless, Selma.

Special singing by Taft Girls Trio "If Jesus Is There"; Duet "Whispering Hope" by Wright Sisters, Oxnard; Duet "Let Me Loose Myself and Find It Lord In Thee" by Marjorie Winters and Sue Barlow, Turlock; and "It's Your Life" by Tulare Girls Trio.

Rev. O. H. Doss, Modesto, brought the message using "Choosing The Less For The Best" as his subject and Mark 10:17-22 as his text.

Dismissed by Rev. Joe Mooneyham, Modesto.

### **Saturday Afternoon Session**

Opened with singing "I Need Jesus" led by Rev. Wade Jernigan, Kerman.

Prayer by Rev. Gene Rogers, Bell Gardens.

Report of Resolution Committee was read. Motion carried that Resolution No. 1 be returned to committee.

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

Resolution No. 1 was read and accepted. (See Reports.) Motion carried that the committee called for in Resolution No. 1 be elected. Those elected were Rev. Jerry Dudley, Rev. Winston Lawless, and Rev. O. H. Doss.

Obituary Committee report was read. A moment of silent prayer was given followed by audible prayer by Lowell Moore, Tulare. (See Reports.)

Telegram expressing best wishes for the convention was received and read from Sponsor Bud Jenkins.

Choruses were directed by Rev. Wade Jernigan.

Mrs. Hester Bowser, Mrs. Louise Smith, and Rev. Bob Brown were appointed as judges in the absence of three League Board members.

Turlock League representing Golden Gate Convention presented "Goodnight or Goodbye."

Congregational singing was directed by Marjorie Tuggle.

Bell Gardens Trio sang "I Always Have Someone to Turn To."

Kerman League representing Center Convention presented "Conversions."

Dismissed by Rev. Bob Brown, Salinas.

### **Saturday Evening Services**

Opened by singing "I Choose Jesus" and "Victory In Jesus" led by Marjorie Winters, Turlock, with Mary Nichols, Bell Gardens as pianist.

Prayer by Rev. C. R. Fassio, Ontario.

Junior and Intermediate Sword Drills were led by Lucille Boyle, Ontario. Gary Wright, Oxnard received a Bible as winner in the Junior Drill and Virginia Lawless, Selma received a New Testament as second place award. Delma Wright, Oxnard received a trophy as winner of Intermediate Drill and Linda Stevens, Kerman received a New Testament as second award.

Special singing was given by Bell Gardens Trio, Gospel Way Quartet of Los Angeles, and a solo by Wayne Ballard of Los Angeles.

Prayer by Rev. John Real, Paramount.

Solo "We'll Talk It Over" by Mrs. Elnora Sanford of Los Angeles.

Rev. Wade Jernigan, Kerman brought the message using "Choosing The Best" as his subject with Luke 10:38-42 as his text.

Benediction by Rev. Joe Mooneyham, Modesto.

## **Sunday Morning Session**

Services opened by singing "I Choose Jesús" and "The Solid Rock" led by Rev. Jerry Dudley, Tulare, pianist Betty Fry.

Prayer by Rev. Lonnie Rolen, Kerman.

Devotional Deut. 30:19-20 was given by Rev. Gene Rogers, Bell Gardens.

Motion carried that President appoint a Pulpit Committee to select a speaker for the eleven o'clock service. The committee was appointed as follows: Oscar Wright, Betty Wells, Ruby Yarbrough, Paul Reberry, and Cecil Spulock.

Resolutions No. 3 and No. 4 were read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Pulpit Committee reported Rev. Jerry Dudley, Tulare would bring the eleven o'clock message.

Report of Nominating Committee was read.

Officers were elected as follows:

Sponsor - Lowell Moore, Box 782, Tulare, Phone 6-6380

President - Rev. Gene Rogers, 6034 Gotham St., Bell Gardens,  
Phone TOpaz 9-8927

Vice Pres. - Rev. Bob Brown, 776 Holly St., Salinas, Phone 2-4567

Rec. Sec. - Betty Wells, 2157 Ella St., Selma, Phone 1120

Corres Sec. - Barbara Sharp, Box 51, Kerman, Phone 5239

Treasurer - Don Robirds Modesto

Choirster - Marjorie Winters, P. O. Box 761, Corcoran, Modesto

Pianist - Teddy Wilbanks, 5295 E. Rialto, Fresno, Phone 5-9096

Sword Drill Leader - Wanda Russell, 758 Lowery, Porterville,  
Phone 2846-W

5 Yr. Board Member - Rev. Ray Letsinger, 251 Sierra View,  
Porterville.

Installation of officers was given by Rev. John Real, Paramount using Duet. 6:30 as his text.

Rev. Paul Reberry, Tulare was elected to bring the intro-



ductory message at the 1957 convention and Rev. C. R. Fassio as alternate.

Dismissed by Rev. Gene Rogers.

### **Eleven O'Clock Services**

Services opened by singing "I Love To Tell The Story" led by Marjorie Winters, Turlock.

Prayer by Rev. Arvel Woolery.

Tulare Trio sang "Nothing That Can Compare" and Wayne Ballard sang: "My God Is Real."

Rev. Jerry Dudley, Tulare brought the message "Making The Right Choice" using Mark 5:7 as his text.

Benediction.

### **Sunday Afternoon Session**

Opened with singing "Hold To God's Unchanging Hand" led by Marjorie Winters.

Prayer by Rev. Leo Shelton, Lancaster.

Information regarding Hume Lake Youth Camp was given by Rev. Wade Jernigan.

An offering of \$47.37 was taken for the host church.

Tulare League representing Southern Convention presented "The Millionaire."

There was special singing by Norwalk Women's Quartet, Sparks Trio and a solo by Barbara Best.

Ontario League representing West Coast Convention presented "Hidden Treasures."

The Program Banner was won by Tulare League representing Southern Convention.

Resolution No. 2 was read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Benediction by Oscar Wright, Oxnard.

## **REPORTS**

### **Resolution Committee**

1. Be it resolved that a placement committee be selected to place the 1957 convention and make arrangements.

2. Be it resolved that this convention give the Bell Gardens Church and the West Coast Convention a standing vote of thanks.

3. Be it resolved that no one be allowed to serve in the capacity of an officer who is not connected with a regular manual organized league or an active member.

4. Be it resolved that a trophy be given rather than a banner for the program winner.

### **Finance Committee**

1. We recommend that each subordinate convention send one dollar (\$1.00) per capita member to the State Convention, \$.50 for convention expenses and \$.50 for-host church.

2. We recommend that \$40.00 be paid to the State Association for printing of League Convention minutes.

3. We recommend that the State League Officers be paid four cents (4¢) per mile for traveling expense while attending business meetings.

4. We recommend that a brief case be purchased for convention books and records.

5. We recommend that \$75.00 be given to Intermediate Sword Drill Winner for expenses to National League Convention.

### **Obituary Committee**

We the Obituary report that the Lord has called two leaguers from our midst, Clifton Hartwell of Oxnard and Raymond Bice of Ontario.

### **Placement Committee**

The 1957 State League Convention will meet with the First Free Will Baptist Church, Leo and Sam Streets, Modesto, California, May 4-5, 1957.

## WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The eighth annual session of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention met with Kerman Church, June 13, 1956.

Opened with singing "Praise Him, Praise Him" and "Saviour Like A Shepherd Lead Us" led by Patti McLain, North Fresno accompanied by Sue Lindsey, Kerman.

Scripture reading, Esther 4:15-17, was read by Bernice Carr, Bakersfield.

Prayer by Vida Fry, Tulare.

Welcome address was given by Lois Miller, Kerman and response was by Lou Groves, Bakersfield.

Duet "No Peace Till You Find Jesus" was sung by Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Dudley, Tulare.

Program Chairman Wanda Nelson introduced the President, Gladys Stevens. The President brought her message using Matthew 28:19-20 as the scripture.

The President was given power to appoint committees. They were appointed as follows:

### NOMINATING

Cleo Doss  
Lois Miller  
Bea Dudley  
Margie Winters  
Katy Cochran

### RESOLUTION

Zella Ramsey  
Teddie Thurman  
Lettie McFarland  
Allyne Lawless  
Reba Kirk

### OBITUARY

Sue Martin  
Wanda Nelson  
Beatrice Twilley

### REGISTRATION

Florence Sharp  
Goldie Jensen

### FINANCE

Lou Groves  
Fern McAlister  
Johnnie Jenkins

Dismissed by Winnie McLain, Kerman.

## **Eleven O'Clock Service**

Opened by singing "Where He Leads I'll Follow" led by Johnnie Jenkins, Modesto.

Prayer by Lettie McFarland, Tulare.

Kerman Trio sang "Jesus Is The Sweetest Name I Know."

A special feature "The Cross Was His Own" was presented by the North Fresno Auxiliary.

Rev. Lee Ramsey, Exeter, brought the message "Our Need for Christ For Such A Time As This" using Esther 4:14 as his text.

Benediction by Hazel Letsinger, Porterville.

## **Afternoon Session**

Opened by singing "Be A Light" led by Georgia Reynolds, Kerman.

Prayer by Geneva Hatcher, Kerman.

Solo "Leave It There" was sung by Patti McLain, No. Fresno.

Kerman Trio sang "Breathe On Me."

Bernice Carr, Bakersfield spoke on "Stewardship."

Annual report of secretary was read by Lou Groves.

Annual treasurer's report was read and accepted.

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

Motion carried that each State Officer give a personal report of her work.

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

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

Officers were elected as follows:

President - Ella Mae Foster, P. O. Box 675, Empire, Calif.

Vice Pres. - Gladys Stevens, P. O. Box 66, Kerman, Calif.

Youth Chairman - Onema Erickson, Rte. 4 Box 375, Modesto, Calif.

Study Course Chairman - Lettie McFarland, Rte. 3 Box 451-D, Tulare, Calif.

Program-Prayer Chairman - Zella Ramsey, 349 S. Shasta, Kerman 2, Calif.

Personal Service Chairman - Lou Groves, 334 Easter St., Bakersfield, Calif.

Rec. Sec.-Treasurer - June Rolen, P. O. Box 138, Kerman, Calif.

Ass't. Rec. Sec. - Pattie McLain, 4674 El Monte Way, Fresno, Calif.

Field Secretary - Cleo Doss, 915 Acacia, Modesto, Calif.

Corres .Secretary - Anna Higgs, 1817 Hammond, Fresno, Calif.

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

Officers were installed by Ella Mae Foster, Turlock.

Mary Moore was elected as a delegate to National Convention.

An offering of \$22.86 was taken.

Report of Convention Treasurer was read and accepted by motion.

Special recognition was given outgoing officers.

Benediction by June Rolen, Kerman.

## **REPORTS**

### **Resolution**

1. Be it resolved that the addresses of the state officers be printed in the minutes.

2. Be it resolved that each district recording secretary send record of work done to state recording secretary thereby omitting duplication of reports.

3. Be it resolved that a standing vote of thanks be given the host church.

4. Be it resolved that a standing vote of thanks be given North Fresno Auxiliary for displaying their Standard of Achievement Chart showing that they are an A-1 Auxiliary which should be a challenge to each Auxiliary.

## **Finance**

1. We recommend that \$40.00 be paid for printing of minutes.
2. We recommend that if California has not met its quota for Visual Aids for India that the convention pay the remainder of the quota.

## **Nominating**

President .....	Ella Mae Foster
Vice President .....	Gladys Stevens
Youth Chairman .....	Onema Erickson
Study Course Chairman .....	Lettie McFarland
Program-Prayer Chairman .....	Zella Ramsely
Personal Service Chairman .....	Lou Groves
Recording Secretary-Treasurer .....	June Rolen

## **Registration**

There were 14 auxiliary members from Golden Gate Association, 36 from Center Association, 8 from Southern Association, 14 Ministers, 14 visitors, making a total present of 86.

## **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 percent paid to Foreign Missions, 25 percent to National Home Missions and 50 percent 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.

#### **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.

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 baptised 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 in 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, 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 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.

## 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 the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in 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 Saviour, Jesus Christ." We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship and the observance of the ordinances 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 bonds 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 church and the Gospel. We will everywhere uphold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme, counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christian Society.

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



## ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. *The Bible* - The Scripture 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* 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 being 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 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 of 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 re-



newed 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, preserve 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. 23:33) 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."