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Fifteenth Annual Session  
California State Asso.  
Free Will Baptists

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*The next session will convene in the Fresno Memorial Auditorium, Fresno, California, June 23-25, 1959. (See Placement Committee Report).*

## OFFICERS

Moderator.....Rev. R. C. Hampton  
2004 Aloha Way, Modesto, Calif, Ph. LAMbert 3-9966  
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## EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Jack Dodson.....5 Years  
1726 Lincoln Avenue, Richmond, Calif.  
Rev. Cecil Thurman.....4 Years  
1036 W. Fountain Way, Fresno, Calif.  
Rev. Winston Lawless.....3 Years  
6304 Ventura, Sacramento, Calif.  
Rev. Arvel Woolery.....2 Years  
P. O. Box 642, Strathmore, Calif.  
Rev. Francis Boyle.....1 Year  
782 Orange Street, Arvin, Calif.

## MISSION BOARD

Rev. Earl Jensen.....5 Years  
Lander and "C" Sts., Turlock, Calif.  
Rev. Wiley Gregory.....4 Years  
1415 Ojai Road, Santa Paula, Calif.  
Rev. J. L. Waltman.....3 Years  
667 Eighth Street, Turlock, Calif.  
Rev. Carl Young.....2 Years  
1700 Ely Road, Petaluma, Calif.  
Rev. George McLain.....1 Year  
10681 Highland Avenue, Selma, Calif.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

Rev. Clinton Wood.....5 Years  
776 Holly St., Salinas, Calif.  
Rev. B. J. Brown.....4 Years  
Box 302, Sunnyvale, Calif.  
Mr. Pete Conner.....3 Years  
2540 Wimbledon, Napa, Calif.

Rev. Gene Rogers.....2 Years  
 1302 West Third St., Tulare, Calif.  
 Rev. F. A. McCage.....1 Year  
 915 Acacia St., Modesto, Calif.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Rev. Odis Faries.....5 Years  
 2236 E. California Ave., Bakersfield, Calif.  
 Rev. Clark Casteel.....4 Years  
 316 First Street, Hughson, Calif.  
 Mr. Delmer Priest.....3 Years  
 836 Ventura Street, Richmond, Calif.  
 Rev. Harold Talley.....2 Years  
 503 Jackson Street, Taft, Calif.  
 Rev. O. H. Doss.....1 Year  
 Box 724, Kerman, Calif.

### LEAGUE BOARD

Rev. Joe Mooneyham.....5 Years  
 2029 Darrah Street, Ceres, Calif.  
 Rev. Dean Moore.....4 Years  
 316 Sheryl Drive, San Pablo, Calif.  
 Rev. Loyd Reddick.....3 Years  
 7012 Albany, Huntington Park, Calif.  
 Rev. John Reel.....2 Years  
 8707 Burton Avenue, Bellflower, Calif.  
 Rev. Fred Laurence.....1 Year  
 1033 West Seventh Street, Hanford, Calif.

### — P R O C E E D I N G S —

#### Wednesday Evening Service

The Fifteenth Annual Session of the California State Association of Free Will Baptists opened with singing "Take My Life and Let It Be," led by Mr. Lester Purser, Richmond, accompanied by Miss Glenda Purser, Richmond.

The Association was called into session by the moderator, Rev. R. C. Hampton. Congregation led in prayer by Rev. O. H. Doss, Kerman.

Solo by Miss Betty Ann Fry, Tulare, "Lift Your Cross and Follow Me."

Mr. Lester Purser sang "The Ninety and Nine."

The introductory message was delivered by Rev. Gene Rogers, Tulare. The theme, "Intrusted With the Gospel" was used.

Committee on Committees was appointed by the Moderator. Those appointed were Rev. Loyd Reddick, Rev. Francis Boyle, Rev. O. H. Doss, Rev. Joe Mooneyham, and Rev. Gene Rogers.

Homes were assigned by the host pastor, Rev. Jack Dodson.

Benediction by Rev. Cecil Thurman, Fresno.

### **Thursday Morning Session**

Services opened with singing "Come Thou Almighty King" led by Rev. Joe Mooneyham, Ceres, accompanied by Mrs. June Rolen, Calwa.

Prayer by Rev. Cecil Fassio, Bell Gardens.

Devotional address, II Tim. 2:1-4, brought by Rev. Carl Young, Petaluma.

Welcome address was delivered by Rev. Jack Dodson, Richmond.

Response given by Rev. John Reel, Paramount.

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

Delegates were given handshake with congregation singing, "Take the Name of Jesus."

Rev. Homer Willis, National Home Mission Board Promotional Secretary and Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, National Executive Secretary, were welcomed by the moderator.

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

Officers were elected as follows: Moderator, Rev. R. C. Hampton; Assistant Moderator, Rev. Earl Jensen; Clerk and Treasurer, Rev. Gene Rogers; Assistant Clerk and Treasurer, Mrs. June Rolen.

Rules of Order were read by the moderator.

Revised By-Laws of the Free Will Baptist Mission Board were read and motion carried to table until Friday morning.

Divine Service Committee reported Rev. Homer E. Willis to bring the Thursday morning message, Rev. W. S. Mooneyham to bring the Thursday evening message and

Rev. Ralph Hampton Jr. to bring the Friday morning message.

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

Dismissed in prayer by Mr. Herb Holoman, Bell Gardens.

### Eleven O'Clock Service

Service opened with singing "Praise Him, Praise Him" led by Rev. Loyd Reddick, Huntington Park, accompanied by Miss Betty Ann Fry, Tulare.

Prayer by Rev. George McLain, Selma.

Special singing by a men's quartet.

Rev. Homer Willis delivered the message from the text, Acts 2:42.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. F. A. McCage, Modesto.

### Afternoon Service

Opened with singing "Stepping in the Light" led by Rev. Clinton Wood, Salinas, accompanied by Miss Barbara Sharp, Kerman.

Prayer by Dr. Nickell, of Turlock.

Devotional reading from II Timothy 4:1-8 was read by Rev. Odis Faries, Bakersfield.

Report of the Promotional Department was given by Rev. Ralph Hampton, Promotional Secretary. (*See Reports.*)

Report of the State Treasure was read and accepted. (*See Reports.*)

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, National Promotional Secretary, brought greetings from the National Headquarters. (*Reports.*)

Rev. Ralph Hampton was retained as the California Promotional Secretary.

Report of the State Executive Board was given by Rev. Francis Boyle, Chairman. (*See Reports.*)

Rev. Jack Dodson was elected to serve as the five (5) year member of the Executive Board.

Report of the State Mission Board was given by Rev. Jerry Dudley, Secretary. (*See Reports.*)

Rev. Earl Jensen was elected to serve as the five (5) year member of the Mission Board.

Greetings from the National Home Mission Department was given by Rev. Homer Willis, Promotional Secretary of



the National Home Mission Board.

Report of the State Centralization Treasure was given by Rev. Dean Moore, Treasurer. (*See Reports.*)

Rev. Dean Moore was retained as treasurer of the Centralization Fund.

Report of the Board of Christian Education was given by Rev. B. J. Brown, Secretary. (*See Reports.*)

Rev. Clinton Wood was elected to serve as the five (5) year member of the Christian Education Board.

Financial report of the California Bible Institute was given by Rev. Carl Young.

Report of classes and attendance of California Bible Institute was given by Rev. Dean Moore.

Report of the Sunday School Board was given by Rev. Lonnie Rolen, Chairman. (*See Reports.*)

Rev. Odis Faries was elected to serve as the five (5) year member and Rev. Clark Casteel was elected to serve as the four (4) year member of the Sunday School Board.

Motion carried to accept the resignation of Rev. Lonnie Rolen from the Sunday School Board.

Rev. O. H. Doss was elected to serve as the one (1) year member of the Sunday School Board.

The League Board was elected as follows: Rev. Joe Mooneyham, 5 years; Rev. Dean Moore, 4 years; Rev. Loyd Reddick, 3 years; Rev. John Reel, 2 years; and Rev. Fred Laurence, 1 year.

Letter of greetings from Rev. Raymond L. Riggs, Promotional Secretary of the National Foreign Mission Board, was read by the clerk.

Resolution No. 1 was adopted. (*See Reports.*)

Resolution No. 2 was adopted, with amendment. (*See Motion carried to adjourn business until 9 a.m. Friday.*)

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Wiley Gregory, Santa Paula.

### **Thursday Evening Service**

Service opened with singing "He Included Me" led by Rev. Joe Mooneyham, accompanied by Miss Glenda Purser at the piano with Mr. Roy Jones at the organ.

Prayer by Rev. Dean Moore, El Sobrante.

Richmond Quartet sang "Surely I Will."

Mr. Lester Purser sang "Amazing Grace."

Mr. Al Gaub sang "How Great Thou Art."

The congregation sang "Jesus, Lover of My Soul."

Prayer by Rev. Carl Young, Petaluma.

Mr. Al Gaub sang, "It Took a Miracle."

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham brought the message from Acts 26:19, the theme, "Heavenly Visions—Holy Ventury—Happy Victory."

Homes were assigned by the host pastor.

Benediction by Rev. Clark Casteel, Hughson.

### Friday Morning Session

Opened with singing "Count Your Blessings" led by Rev. Loyd Reddick, Huntington Park, accompanied by Mrs. June Rolen, Calwa.

Devotional from Acts 3:1-10 by Rev. O. H. Doss, Kerman.

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

Report of Obituary Committee was read and a moment of silent prayer was offered, followed with audible prayer by Rev. Joe Mooneyham, Ceres. (*See Reports.*)

Resolution No. 3 was read and tabled until the 1959 session of this association. (*See Reports.*)

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

Report of the Publication Committee was read and recommendation No. 1 was adopted. (*See Reports.*)

Resolution No. 4 as amended was adopted. (*See Reports.*)

Motion carried that the Moderator be empowered to appoint a committee to comply with Resolution No. 4. The State Mission Board was appointed.

Motion carried that the cost of the sign (of Resolution No. 4) not to exceed \$500.00 and that each state department share the expense equally, according to percentage of money received.

Resolution No. 5 was read and adopted. (*See Reports.*)

Motion carried that the California State Association pay the expense of shipping the California Display to the National Association at St. Louis, Missouri.



Motion carried that the moderator appoint a general committee to make arrangements for the 1960 National Convention. Those appointed were Rev. Gene Rogers, Rev. Lonnie Rolen, and Rev. Cecil Thurman.

Report of Placement Committee was read and adopted. (*See Reports.*)

Rev. O. H. Doss was elected to bring the introductory message at the next session of this association.

Rev. F. A. McCage was elected to be recommended to serve on the General Board of the National Association.

Motion carried that the delegates to the National Convention be selected by the ordained attending the National Convention.

Motion carried that National Officers be permitted to do itinerary work in the state of California.

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

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

Dismissed in prayer by Mr. Walter Wood.

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

Opened with singing "Trust and Obey" led by Rev. Clinton Wood, accompanied by Mr. Roy Jones.

Male quartet sang "Land Where Living Waters Flow."

Prayer by Rev. Farrel Gene McCage.

Miss Betty Ann Fry sang "Teach Me Lord to Wait."

Rev. Ralph Hampton Jr. brought the message. His theme, "Perfect Peace," Isaiah 26:3.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Johnny Priest, Rodeo.

### **Afternoon Session**

Opened with singing "He Hideth My Soul" led by Rev. Joe Mooneyham, Ceres, accompanied by Miss Betty Ann Fry, Tulare.

Prayer by Rev. John Reel, Paramount.

Devotional reading from Col. 1:1-5 was brought by Rev. Lonnie Rolen, Calwa.

The Revised By-Laws of the Mission Board were read and accepted.

Motion carried that the Mission Board operate one year under the present By-Laws and that all boards bring By-Laws to the next session whereby they can operate under the Incorporation of the California State Association

and that all property be deeded to the State Association.

Motion carried that the Woman's Auxiliary Convention Minutes and the League Convention Minutes be printed with the State Association Minutes.

Motion carried to accept the resignation of Rev. Jerry Dudley from the Mission Board.

Rev. Carl Young elected to serve as the two year member of the Mission Board.

Report of the Polity Committee was read and accepted.

Motion carried that the Polity Committee be retained and that committee put their report in text form.

Rev. Winston Lawless elected to fill vacancy on Polity Committee.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Benediction by the Moderator, Rev. Ralph C. Hampton.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES:**

#### **DIVINE SERVICE**

Jack Dodson  
Ima Hill  
Joy McLain  
Gene Russell  
Wanda Rogers

#### **RESOLUTION**

Dean Moore  
John Reel  
Odis Faries  
George McLain  
F. A. McCage

#### **FINANCE**

O. H. Doss  
Delmer Priest  
Loyd Reddick  
Francis Boyle  
Jerry Dudley

#### **OBITUARY**

Tommie Reddick  
Florene Sharp  
Lucille Boyle  
Lucille Hampton  
Juanita Wood

#### **TEMPERANCE**

Joe Horner  
Bobby Brown  
Joe Mooneyham  
Clinton Wood  
Lonnie Rolen

#### **PUBLICATION**

Earl Jensen  
Carl Young  
Cecil Fassio  
J. B. Ledbetter  
Cecil Thurman

### **Resolution Committee:**

1. A. Whereas the State Ministers and Deacons Conference is failing to promote a closer harmony between the ministers and deacons of this state, Be it resolved that the California State Ministers and Deacons Conference be dissolved.

- B. Be it further resolved that this state association authorize the organization of a Ministers Conference in accordance with the Free Will Baptist Treatise.
2. We recommend that the practice of deacons being examined by the Associations be abolished and this responsibility be placed upon the local church.
  3. Whereas Article Eleven (11) of the Constiution of the State Association of Free Will Baptists delegates powers to the State Ministers and Deacons Conference over that of the State Association, be it therefore resolved that Article Eleven be amended to read as follows: No minister shall 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. (Tabled until the next session which convenes in June, 1959.)
  4. Be it resolved that the California State Association select a committee to explore the possibilities of placing a signboard on Highway 66 where it enters California.
  5. Be it resolved that the California State Association extend an invitation to the National Association of Free Will Baptists to convene in Fresno, California in 1960.
  6. Be it resolved that this Association give the Richmond Church and the Golden Gate Assocation a standing vote of thangs for their hospitality to this convention.

**Finance Committee:**

1. We recommend \$225.00 be paid to the host church for this session.
2. We recommend \$125.00 be paid to the Centralization Fund on the loan of last year.
3. We reccommend \$35.00 be paid to the Clerk, \$15.00 to the Assistant Clerk, and \$20.00 to the Moderator.
4. We recommend 1,000 minutes be printed.
5. We recommend that \$30.00 be sent to the National Association for minutes.
6. We recommend that each Association send 30c per

capita member to the next session.

7. We recommend that the Cooperative Plan be allocated as follows:

National Association .....	35%
State Mission Board.....	22½ %
State Centralization Board.....	7½ %
State Christian Education Board.....	22½ %
State Sunday School Board.....	5%
Promotional Department .....	7½ %

### **Obituary Committee:**

We report that the Lord has called 16 members from our midst in the past year. From the Golden Gate Association 8, Center Association 2, West Coast 1, Southern 5. We request a moment of silent prayer in memory of these.

### **Temperance Committee:**

We the Temperance Committee submit the following report, "And every man that striveth for the Master is temperate in all things."

We recommend that we commit ourselves to temperance:

1. In bodily appetites
  - a. By modest dress
  - b. By normal consumption of food
  - c. By total abstinence from all alcoholic beverages
  - d. By using habit-forming drugs only when necessary.
2. In mental activities
  - a. By guarding our thoughts
  - b. By carefully selecting our reading material
  - c. By carefully selecting radio and television programs.
3. In social activities
  - a. By refraining from participation in questionable amusements.
  - b. By indulging only in wholesome and constructive conversation.

### **Publication Committee:**

We recommend that each pastor encourage his church to adopt the "Every Church Family Plan" of subscription to the Contact Magazine of the National Association.

We further recommend that each pastor encourage the subscription of other Free Will Baptist papers and literature.

## Promotional Department Annual Report:

June 1 1957 to June 1, 1958—

Total Income for Year.....\$8,205.00

### ALLOCATIONS:

National Cooperative Program.....	35%	\$2,871.76
State Mission Fund.....	35%	2,871.76
State Christian Education Fund.....	10%	820.46
State Centralization Fund.....	7½%	615.39
Promotional Department .....	7½%	615.39
State Sunday School Board.....	5%	410.24

Rev. Ralph C. Hampton, Promotional Sec. and Treas.

## State Association's Treasurer's Report, 1957-58

Balance Brought Forward June 1957.....\$ 14.67

### Receipts:

Golden Gate Association.....	\$175.00
Center Association .....	125.00
Southern Association .....	135.00
West Coast Association.....	115.00
Centralization Fund .....	250.00
State League Convention.....	40.00
State Woman's Auxiliary Convention.....	40.00

Total Receipts .....\$880.00

Total .....\$894.67

### Disbursements:

Bell Gardens Church, Hoast for Assn.....	\$225.00
Rev. Ralph Hampton, Moderator.....	20.00
Rev. Gene Rogers, Clerk.....	35.00
Mrs. June Rolen, Assistant Clerk.....	15.00
National Association for Minutes.....	30.00
Executive Board Travel Expense.....	42.00
Printing of Minutes.....	257.50
Postage for Minutes.....	4.50
Printing of Questionnaire.....	7.18
Programs for State Association.....	4.00
Record Book for Minutes.....	4.12
Program Committee Travel Expense.....	14.00

Total Disbursements .....\$658.30

Balance on Hand, June 1958.....\$244.37

Rev. Gene Rogers, Treasurer

## State Centralization Treasurer's Report:

Balance Brought Forward, 1957.....\$4,170.19

Less Loan to State Association.....\$250.00

Balance .....\$3,920.19..

Interest, June 30 through

December 31, 1957.....\$ 64.40

Received through Cooperative Plan.... 615.30

Total in Treasury.....\$4,599.98

Rev. Dean Moore, Treasurer



## **Report of the Executive Board:**

The State Executive Board met and organized October 30, 1957, at Kerman, Calif. Rev. Francis Boyle was elected Chairman and Rev. C. R. Fassio, Clerk. This Board is in the process of incorporating the California State Association of Free Will Baptists.

## **Report of the Mission Board:**

The Board has met several times this year to transact the necessary business of the work of missions. We are happy to report that four (4) new churches were organized this year. Each of these churches appear to be strong and progressing well. The Board assisted the Mission established in San Francisco but discontinued the work after some time because of the poor location and previous handicaps of work in that area.

Perhaps the major work of the Board this year has been the assistance given to churches in needs. Loans were made to Petaluma to make down payments on the property purchased and also the parsonage. This loan has been repaid. A loan was made to the Martinez Church to redeem their property which was in danger of being repossessed and was promptly repaid. A loan was made to the Campbell Church which enabled them to make certain improvements to their property to make it qualify with city building codes. A loan was made to Turlock to assist them in a financial difficulty. These loans remain outstanding but are due within three (3) months. An outright grant was made to Mount Pleasant to enable them to continue their work.

### **Financial Report, June 1957 to June, 1958:**

Balance brought forward.....\$1,553.45

#### **Receipts:**

Coperative Allocation .....	\$2,871.76
Earmarked Receipts .....	98.58
Loan Payments .....	1,502.00
Total Receipts .....	\$4,022.34
Total to be accounted for.....	\$5,575.79

#### **Disbursements:**

Organization new works.....	\$1,101.00
Mission—San Francisco .....	142.50
Loans to churches.....	1,547.00
Telephone .....	252.67



Mileage .....	379.86
Supplies and postage.....	15.04
Promotional work .....	82.50
Clerk (1956-1957) .....	100.00
Clerk (1958) .....	50.00
Bank charges .....	1.45
Total Disbursements .....	\$3,670.02
Balance in Treasury.....	\$1,905.77
Total Accounted for.....	\$5,575.79
Loans Outstanding .....	\$ 495.00
Balance in Treasury.....	\$1,905.77
Total Cash Assets.....	\$2,400.77

Rev. Earl Jensen, Chairman  
Rev. Jerry Dudley, Clerk

### Report of the Christian Education Board:

We feel this has been a very successful year for Free Will Baptists in the State of California in its Educational Program and would especially like to thank the Southern Association for their support and cooperation. There is certainly a need for a full time school in this state, and we feel God would have us as Free Will Baptists to do all within our power to make this a reality instead of a dream. Plans are being formulated by this Board toward a full time Christian school. Will we meet this challenge?

#### FINANCIAL REPORT:

June 1, 1957 to May 31, 1958

Balance brought forward.....\$ 827.23

#### Receipts:

Cooperative Allocation .....	\$820.46
School (tuition fees, \$110.00; sale of textbooks, \$90.39).....	200.39
Southern Association .....	100.00
Southern Assn. Woman's Auxiliary....	20.00
Total Receipts .....	\$1,140.85
Total .....	\$1,968.08

#### Disbursements:

Traveling Expense for Board Members .....	\$150.14
Traveling Expense for Teachers.....	236.20
School Supplies .....	321.73
Total Disbursements .....	\$ 708.07
Balance on hand.....	\$1,260.01

Rev. F. A. McCage, Chairman  
Rev. B. J. Brown, Secretary

## Report of the Sunday School Board:

The State Sunday School Board met August 30, 1957, and organized as follows: Chairman, Lonnie Rolen; Sec.-Treas., Delmer Sharp. There have been only four members of the Board present at the meetings since Rev. J. R. Hall moved from the state. The Board has met three times. In December, 1957, it was voted to buy a projector, record player, and two sets of teaching courses complete with film strips and books. This equipment has been used in Center, Southern, and the West Coast Associations. There has been various correspondence with the National Sunday School Board. Numerous teaching courses were purchased from the Board, which have been placed in all four associations.

### FINANCIAL REPORT:

Total amount received from Cooperative Fund.....\$410.24

#### Expenses:

Amount apid on projector equipment....\$182.50

Teaching courses and books..... 16.00

Mileage to Harold Talley..... 24.00

Sunday School Board stamp..... 2.36

Phone calls regarding board meeting.... 1.37

Total Expenses .....\$226.23

Balance in Bank.....\$184.01

Amount due on projector and equipment.....\$115.50

Rev. Lonnie Rolen, Chairman

Mr. Delmer Sharp, Secretary-Treasurer

## Report of the Placement Committee:

We recommend that the next State Association convene in the Fresno Memorial Auditorium, Fresno, California, June 23-25, 1959.

This auditorium may be obtained without charge with the exception of the use of the stage and the public address system.

We further recommend that each person be responsible for their own food and lodging.

## LETTERS FROM ASSOCIATIONS

### Golden Gate Association:

To the California State Association when meeting at Richmond, California, June 25-27, 1958.

We send as delegates Charles Vance, Chester Sharp, Bill Alkere, Edith Young, Christine Berger, Myrtle Gates, and Farrel McCage.

**STATISTICS:**

Number of churches 27; number of parsonages 5; number of ordained ministers 56; number of deacons 60; number of the following auxiliaries: Sunday Schools 18; Leagues 17; Woman's Auxiliaries 15; Y.P.A.'s 1; Boys Auxiliaries 1; Prayer Meetings 27; Church membership 1356; Members dismissed 258; Members deceased 8; Sunday School enrollment 1708; League enrollment 548; Woman's Auxiliary membership 202.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Spent for local causes: Pastors salaries \$44,767.79; Evangelistic work \$1,757.77; Buildings and repairs \$26,560.80; Literature \$4,728.39; Advertising \$779.24; Miscellaneous \$13,889.65; Other \$7,439.43; Total expenditures \$103,823.07. Spent for outside causes: Cooperative program \$4,726.70; Foreign Missions \$208.52; Home Missions \$870.21; Associational projects \$512.14; State and National projects \$590.29; Total outside expenditures \$6,457.86.

Value of church property \$446,137.00.

Value of parsonage property \$57,000.00.

Amount enclosed with letter for expenses \$339.00.

Rev. F. A. McCage, Moderator

915 Acacia Avenue, Modesto, California

Mrs. Mae Graham, Clerk

651 Eighth Street, Turlock, California

**Center Association:**

To the California State Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at Richmond, California, June 25-27, 1958.

We send as delegates Margaret Nabors, Susie Martin, Teddy Wilbanks, Martha Wiley, Florene Sharp, Pat Wilbanks, and Homer Kline.

**STATISTICS:**

Number of churches 9; number of parsonages 3; number of ordained ministers 30; number of licensed ministers 11; number of deacons 29; number of the following auxiliaries: Sunday Schools 9; Leagues 6; Woman's Auxiliaries 4; Prayer Meetings 9; Church membership 663; Members received 149; Members dismissed 93; Deceased 2; Sunday School enrollment 498; League enrollment 125; Woman's Auxiliary enrollment 77.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Spent for local causes: Pastors salaries \$15,750.87; Evangelistic work \$752.48; Building and repairs \$8,554.82; Literature \$1,450.78; Advertising \$63.60; Miscellaneous \$2,412.10; Other \$997.30. Total spent for local causes \$33,495.75. Spent for outside causes: Cooperative Program \$754.40; Home Missions \$431.86; Education \$205.71; Associational Projects \$299.24; State and National Projects \$267.17; Other \$181.44; total outside expenditures \$2,139.82.

Value of Church Property \$159,000.00.

Value of Parsonage Property \$17,000.00.

Amount enclosed with letter for expenses \$165.75.

Rev. O. H. Doss, Moderator

P. O. Box 724, Kerman, California

Mrs. Marjorie Winters, Clerk

945 E. Buckingham Way, Fresno, California

### **Southern Association:**

To the California State Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at Richmond, California, June 25-27, 1958.

We send as delegates: Barbara Presley, Hettie Ford, Betty Brown, Loretta Criner, Bonnie Barrett, Ruth Popejoy, Rosa Lee McKibben.

#### **STATISTICS:**

Number of churches 14; number of parsonages 5; number of ordained ministers 31; number of licensed ministers 9; number of ordained deacons 50; number of the following auxiliaries: Sunday Schools 14; Leagues 12; Woman's Auxiliaries 11; Master's Men 2; Prayer Meetings 14; Church membership 981; members received 170; members dismissed 93; Sunday School enrollment 1150; League enrollment 228; Woman's Auxiliary membership 136.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Spent for local causes: Pastors salaries \$26,934.00; Evangelistic work \$1,323.00; Building and repair \$23,695.00; Total local expenditures \$67,592.00. Spent for outside causes: Cooperative Program \$2,250.00.

Value of church property \$264,000.00.

Value of parsonage property \$35,200.00.

Rev. L. T. Lynch, Moderator  
Taft, California

Rev. Arville Nelson, Clerk  
1021 Niles Street, Bakersfield, California

### **West Coast Association:**

To the California State Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at Richmond, California, June 25-27, 1958.

We send as delegates: Joe Horner, Oscar Wright, Ethel Clark, Josephine Burns, J. B. Ledbetter, Darlene Chandler, Roberta Hall.

#### **STATISTICS:**

Number of churches 13; number of parsonages 2; number of ordained ministers 23; number of licensed ministers 10; number of ordained deacons 38; number of following auxiliaries: Sunday Schools 13; Leagues 11; Woman's Auxiliaries 4; Prayer Meetings 13; church membership 744; members received 230; members dismissed 116; Sun-



day School enrollment 696; League enrollment 170; Woman's Auxiliary membership 31.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT:

Spent for local causes: Pastors salaries \$24,337.85; Evangelistic work \$1,704.00; Building and repair \$24,779.50; Literature \$1,456.95; Advertising \$187.78; Miscellaneous \$4,410.55; Other \$3,605.33; Total local expenditures \$70,481.97. Spent for outside causes: Cooperative Program \$1,325.74; Foreign Missions \$7.10; Home Missions \$73.00; Education \$14.00; Associational projects \$475.42; State and National projects \$34.10; Other \$165.32; total outside expenditures \$2,000.58.

Value of church property \$181,937.00.

Value of parsonage property \$19,500.00.

Amount enclosed with letter for expenses \$174.00.

Rev. John Reel, Moderator  
8707 Burton Avenue, Bellflower, Calif.  
Mrs. Ruth Holmesley, Clerk  
12613 Ross Avenue, Chino, California

#### MINISTERS ROLL

Berry, Finney, 883 Rose Brook, Clovis, California  
Bias, Don, 2915 Clarkdale, Artesia, California  
Boyle, Francis, 782 Orange Avenue, Arvin, California  
Brakebill, Beryl, 25141-5th Street, San Bernardino, California  
Bridges, J. E., P. O. Box 305, Orange Cove, California  
Brown, B. J., Box 302, Sunnyvale, California  
Bryant, Marvin, 14619 Gridley Road, Norwalk, California  
Casey, Jerry, Bell Gardens, California  
Casteel, Clark, 316 First Street, Hughson, California  
Cathy, Norman, Box 513, Corcoran, California  
Condley, G. M., 116 Springfield Avenue, Reedley, California  
Dodson, Jack, 1726 Lincoln Avenue, Richmond, California  
Doss, O. H., Box 724, Kerman, California  
Duckworth, Charles, Norwalk, California  
Dudley, Jerry, 710 William Way, Concord, California  
Dunaway, I. B., Fresno, California  
Easterwood, H. H., 53 Oak Street, Camarillo, California  
Erickson, Meryl, 120 Burrell, Visalia, California  
Farris, Don, Box 1484, Shafter, California  
Fassio, C. R., 6590 Fry Street, Bell Gardens, California  
Franklin, J. A., 251 Sierra View, Porterville, California  
Freeman, Joy, Box 37, Kerman, California  
Gregory, Wiley, 1415 Ojai Road, Santa Paula, California  
Groves, Robert L., 3115 East Lewis, Fresno, California  
Hames, Claudie, 2183 Cloyne Street, Oxnard, California  
Hampton, Ralph C., 2004 Aloha Way, Modesto, California

Haskins, Riley, 3125 Vineland Street, Baldwin Park, California  
 Hollins Riley, 3114 South Fruit, Fresno, California  
 Hood, Riley, 11541 East Florence Avenue, Norwalk, California  
 Jacoe, Albert 41½ West Vince, Ventura, California  
 Jensen, Earl, Lander and "C" Street, Turlock, California  
 Johns, Edward, 605½ North Fifth Street, Blythe, California  
 Lambert, P. E., 1019 Dairy Avenue, Corcoran, California  
 Laurence, Fred, 1033 West Seventh Street, Hanford, California  
 Lawless, Winston, 6304 Ventura, Sacramento, California  
 Lee, Ovalon R., 10911 Nevada Avenue, Hanford, California  
 Livingston, W. L., Route 1, Box 160, Lindsay, California  
 Loyd, Leonard, 200 South Filbert, Exeter, California  
 McAlister, Dorce, Box 513, Kerman, California  
 McAlister, Lonnie, Box 719, Kerman, California  
 McCage, F. A., 915 Acacia, Modesto, California  
 McLain, George W., 10681 Highland Avenue, Selma, California  
 Mize, Edward, Parlier, California  
 Mooneyham, Joe, 2029 Darrah Street, Ceres, California  
 Moore, Dean, 316 Sheryl Drive, San Pablo, California  
 Morris, Cecil, 6261 East Clarkson, Selma, California  
 Morris, Ray, 12303 East 195th Street, Artesia, California  
 Mount, O. J., 318 "K" Street, Sanger, California  
 Pembroke, Roy, 1852 Alvarado Avenue, Walnut Creek, California  
 Priest, J. H., 1218 Starr Street, Crockett, California  
 Porter, Cecil, Reedley, California  
 Ramsey, Earl, Pinedale, California  
 Ramsey, Lee, 360 South Shasta, Kerman, California  
 Ramsey, G. B., 1404 Tucker Street, Selma, California  
 Ramsey, Verlin, 860 Sycamore, Newark, California  
 Reddick, Loyd, 7012 Albany, Huntington Park, California  
 Reel, John, 8707 Burton Avenue, Bellflower, California  
 Roberts, Wilbur, Artesia, California  
 Robertson, B. R., 5433 Orchard Avenue, Ontario, California  
 Rogers, Gene, 1302 West Third Street, Tulare, California  
 Rolen, Lonnie, 4065 Montecito, Fresno, California  
 Scroggins, Henry, 21818 Denlin, Artesia, California  
 Scroggine, O. D., Box 411, Parlier, California  
 Smith, Richard N., 3112 Nevada, Fresno, California  
 Spain, Delbert, 700 Annadale, Sanger, California  
 Talbert, A. B., 416 North Monterey, Ontario, California  
 Talley, Harold, 503 Jackson Street, Taft, California  
 Thurman, Cecil, 219 West Hampton Way, Fresno, California  
 Thurman, Orvil, 937 Eighth Street, Wasco, California  
 Turner, Troy, 17124 Nine One-Half Avenue, Hanford, California  
 Waltman, J. L., 667 Eighth Street, Turlock, California  
 Wilkinson, C. E., Selma, California  
 Williamson, Jesse, 7435 Scout, Bell Gardens, California  
 Winters, Andrew, 945 Buckingham Way, Fresno, California  
 Wood, Dewey, 1812 Esmond, Richmond, California  
 Wood, J. C., 776 Holly, Salinas, California  
 Woolery, A. E., Box 642, Strathmore, California  
 Yandell, J. C., 5903 Ludell Street, Bell Gardens, California  
 Young, Carl, 1700 Ely Road, Petaluma, California

## DEACONS ROLL

Conner, Pete, 2540 Wimbledon, Napa, California  
 Edwards, Harry T.  
 Holoman, H. E., 6803 Colmar, Bell Gardens, California  
 Kennedy, Paul, 2906-15th Street, San Pablo, California  
 McLain, Joy, 4674 El Monte, Fresno, California  
 Priest, Delmer T., 836 Ventura Street, Richmond, California  
 Roberts, J. A., 1931 Glenda Road, Ceres, California  
 Russel, E. A., 1925 Wilcox, Richmond, California  
 Spurlock, Robert H., 1390 Karen Rt., San Pablo, California  
 Wood, Walter, 2022 Glenda Road, Ceres, California



## STATISTICAL REPORT OF SUBORDINATE ASSOCIATIONS

ASSOCIATIONS	Golden Gate	Center	Southern	West Coast	Total
Churches	27	9	14	13	63
Membership	1356	663	981	744	3744
Ministers	56	30	31	23	140
Licensed Ministers	12	11	9	10	42
Deacons	60	29	50	38	177
Sunday Schools	27	9	14	13	63
Sunday School Enrollment	1708	498	1150	696	4052
F. W. B. Leagues	18	6	12	11	47
F. W. B. League Enrollment	548	125	228	170	1071
Women's Auxiliaries	15	4	11	4	34
Women's Auxiliary Enrollment	202	77	136	31	446
Masters Men	5	-----	2	-----	7
Paid Pastors	\$44,767.79	\$15,750.87	\$26,934.00	\$24,337.85	\$111,790.51
Paid Evangelists	1,757.77	752.48	1,323.00	1,704.00	5,537.25
Building and Improvements	26,560.80	8,554.82	23,695.00	24,779.50	83,590.12
Advertising	779.24	63.60	150.00	187.79	1,180.63
Paid Cooperative Program	4,276.70	754.40	2,250.00	1,325.74	8,606.84
Value of Church Property	446,137.00	159,000.00	264,000.00	181,937.00	1,051,074.00
Value of Parsonage Property	57,000.00	17,000.00	35,200.00	19,500.00	128,700.00

## STATE LEAGUE CONVENTION

The ninth annual session of the California State League Convention met at the Fresno Memorial Auditorium, Fresno, California, July 25-26, 1958.

President Rev. Gene Rogers called the rally into session.

Services opened by singing "Jesus Saves" and "Victory in Jesus" led by Margie Winters, Fresno, with Teddy Wilbanks, Clovis, as the pianist.

Devotional reading Psalms 27 was brought by Royce Smith, Arvin.

Welcome address was given by June Rolen, Calwa. Response by Bill Johnson, Ontario.

Motion carried that we accept the program with the time to be flexible.

Letters from Southern, West Coast and Center League Conventions were read and accepted. Motion carried that the Golden Gate Leaguers be seated pending their letter.

In the absence of the Vice President, Bobby Brown, motion carried that the President have the power to appoint a Vice President Pro tem. Rev. Dorce McAlister was appointed.

Committee members were appointed as follows:

### RESOLUTION

Bill Johnson  
Teddy Wilbanks  
Vernon Young

### NOMINATION

Bentrina Johnson  
Fern McAlister  
Bobby Rickman  
Tom Jackson  
Mrs. Leona Leeds

### FINANCE

Jerry Dudley  
J. B. Lawless  
Mac Franklin

### PULPIT

Lonnie Rolen  
Linda Nelson  
J. W. Adkins

### OBITUARY

Ruth Ellen Hatcher  
Thomas Bentley  
Delma Wright  
Nevalene Cremeen

In the absence of our treasurer, Don Robirds, our State Sponsor, Lowell Moore, gave the Treasurer's report. Report accepted.

Motion carried that we adjourn.

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Oscar Wright.

### Eleven O'Clock Service

Services opened by singing "He Lives," "Joy Unspeakable" and "He Keeps Me Singing" led by Margie Winters, Fresno, accompanied by Teddy Wilbanks, Clovis.

Led in prayer by Rev. Joe Mooneyham.

Special singing by Betty Fry of Tulare, "Lift Your Cross and Follow Me."

Rev. Jack Dodson, Richmond, brought the message using "In His Strength" as his subject, Phil. 4-6-9; 13-19, as his text.

Rev. Lonnie Rolen read a list of suggested places for lunch.

Benediction by Rev. John Peel, Paramount.

### Friday Afternoon Session

Opened by singing "Take The Name of Jesus With You," "Sunshine in the Soul" and "Praise Him" led by Margie Winters, Fresno.

Prayer by J. B. Lawless, Fresno.

Motion carried that the Report of the State League Officers and Board be received.

Recommendation No. 1 was read and accepted. (*See Reports.*)

Recommendation No. 4 was read and accepted. (*See Reports.*)

Report of Pulpit Committee was read and accepted.

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

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

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

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

Motion carried that the president have the power to appoint a Placement Committee for the 1959 State League Convention. He appointed the State League Board.

Margie Winters led in a Singspiration.

Motion carried that the State League Convention send flowers to Sue Lindsay, who is in the hospital.

In the absence of Rev. Dean Moore, Dorce McAlister,

Vice President Pro tem led in a brainstorm discussion.  
Dismissed in prayer by Jack Smith.

### **Friday Evening Services**

Opened by singing "Blessed Assurance," "All Hail the Power of Jesus's Name" and "Revive Us Again" led by Rev. Joe Mooneyham, accompanied by Teddy Wilbanks.

Duet "Mansions Over the Hilltop" by the Wright Sisters.

Prayer by Rev. Flickenger, visiting pastor of the United Brethren Church of Selma.

The choir sang "He Hideth My Soul" led by Rev. Joe Mooneyham.

Congregational song "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" led by Rev. Mooneyham.

Junior and Intermediate Sword Drills were led by Mrs. Ora Wright, Ontario. Gary Wright, Ontario, received a Bible as winner of the Junior Sword Drill and Larry Berkins and Laura Higgs received testaments for placing second and third respectively. Donna Wright received a trophy as winner of the Intermediate Sword Drill and Melba White and Mary Joe Higgs received testaments for placing second and third respectively.

The Waymakers Quartet of Fresno sang "He Will Lead His Children Home" and "He Holds the Key."

Rev. George McLain, Selma, brought the evening message using "In His Strength" as his subject.

Benediction by Rev. Harold Tally, Taft.

### **Saturday Morning Services**

Services were opened by singing "Love Lifted Me" and "Sunshine in the Soul."

Led in prayer by Rev. Francis Boyle.

Devotional, Joshua 1:1-9, was read by Jesse Dunn, Bell Gardens.

Motion carried that the three State League Board Members that are present today, be judges for the plays.

Report of the nominating committee was read.

The officers were elected as follows:

President: Gene Rogers, 1302 West Third, Tulare.

Vice Pres.: Bill Johnson, Ontario.

Recording Sec.: Barbara Sharp, P. O. Box 91, Kerman.

Corresponding Secretary: Ester Lee White, Taft.  
Treasurer: Louise Smith, 3112 East Nevada, Fresno.  
Chorister: Betty Ann Fry, 562 So. H St., Tulare.  
Pianist: Teddy Wilbanks, 5295 E. Rialto, Fresno.  
Sponsor: Lowell Moore, P. O. Box 782, Tulare.  
Sword Drill Leader: Mrs. June Rolen, 4065 E. Montecito, Fresno.

Installation of new officers was given by Rev. Pete Robertson, Ontario, using Acts 10:29 as his text.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Lee Ramsey, Eexter.

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

Services opened by singing "What A Friend We Have in Jesus," "Jesus Saves" and "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."

Prayer by Rev. Winston Lawless, Sacramento.

Special singing by "The Gospel Tones" trio from Taft, "I'm Feelin' Fine"; "Precious Memories" by the Four Steps, Porterville; the Ontario Quartet sang "Keep on the Firing Line."

Prayer by Rev. Sam Winters, Fresno.

Betty Fry, Tulare, sang "Teach Me Lord to Wait."

Rev. Joe Mooneyham, Porterville, brought the message, using Romans 5:6 for his text.

Benediction by Rev. J. A. Franklin.

### **Saturday Afternoon Session**

In the absence of one of our judges, motion carried that the president have the power to appoint an alternate. Rev. Dorce McAlister was appointed.

Prayer by Rev. Jerry Dudley, Concord.

The Ontario League representing the West Coast Convention presented "Will the Circle Be Unbroken?"

Betty Fry, Tulare, led the congregation in the singing of choruses.

The Concord League representing Golden Gate Convention presented "Mother's Gift, A Holy Bible."

The Taft League representing Southern Convention presented "Pray A Little Longer."

The Program Trophy was won by the Taft League representing the Southern Convention.

Dismissed in prayer by our President, Rev. Gene Rogers.



## REPORTS

### Finance Committee:

We, the Finance Committee, recommend that \$40.00 be sent to the State Association for printing of convention minutes.

### Resolution Committee:

No. 1. Be it resolved that the California State League Convention be changed from Friday and Saturday to Saturday and Sunday.

No. 2. Be it resolved that the State League Board appoint a State League Evangelist to promote League work and evangelism among the young people, and that he be allowed travel expense of 4 cents per mile.

### Obituary Committee:

We, the Obituary Committee, report that the Lord has called two leaguers from our midst, Barbara Huddleston, Golden Gate, and Virginia Mimes, West Coast.

### Recommendations From State League Board and Officers:

No.1. We recommend that each League send to the State League Rally \$.40 per member instead of the usual \$1.00 and that each individual be responsible for their own care at the Rally.

No. 4. We recommend that the State League Board be dissolved and the elected officers of the State League Rally serve as the executive board.

### Registration Committee:

We, the registration committee, are happy to report that there were 175 Leaguers and Sponsors; 21 Ministers and 37 Visitors registered during the 1958 State League Convention, making a total of 233 present.

## WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

### Officers

President.....Mrs. Zella Ramsey  
349 South Shasta Street, Kerman, California  
Vice President.....Mrs. Vida Fry  
652 South "H" Street, Tulare, California



Recording Secretary and Treasurer....Mrs. Wanda Rogers  
 1302 West Third Street, Tulare, California  
 Corresponding Secretary.....Mrs. June Rolen  
 4065 Montecito Street, Fresno, California  
 Youth Auxilary Chairman.....Mrs. Ruth Walker  
 1505 Placer Avenue, Modesto, California  
 Study Course Chairman.....Mrs. Patti McLain  
 4674 El Monte Way, Fresno, California  
 Stewardship-Prayer Chairman.....Mrs. Betty Gregory  
 1415 Ojai Road, Santa Paula, California  
 Personal Service Chairman.....Mrs. Opal O'Donnell  
 3611 Andrade Avenue, Richmond, California

The ninth annual session of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention met with the Calwa Free Will Baptist Church on April 12, 1958, with Mrs. June Rolen, President, presiding.

The meeting was opened with singing "I Am Thine, Oh Lord" led by Margie Winters, Selma, accompanied by Linda Stevens, Kerman.

Prayer by Ruth Walker, Modesto.

Welcome address given by Effie Wood, Calwa, and response given by Goldie Priest, Richmond.

The thought for the day was given by Vida Fry, Tulare, reading Philippians 3:13 and 14.

President June Rolen read a poem, "This Path Is Best for Thee."

The president was given power to appoint committees as follows:

#### **NOMINATING**

Louise Smith  
 Goldie Jensen  
 Evelyn Smith  
 Peggy Robertson

#### **FINANCE**

Wanda Rogers  
 Goldie Priest  
 Sue Lindsey  
 Ruth Holmesley  
 Vida Fry

#### **REGISTRATION**

Patti McLain  
 Virginia Hupp  
 Lucille Boyle

#### **RESOLUTION**

Zella Ramsey  
 Mary Hatcher  
 Betty King  
 Grace King

#### **CREDENTIALS**

Wanda Rogers  
 Gladys Stevens  
 Maybell Loyd  
 Betty Gregory

#### **OBITUARY**

May Mooneyham  
 Cleo Doss  
 Stella Bentley

The minutes of the 1957 Convention were read and accepted.

The judges for the Declamation Contest were announced to be Winnie McLain, Effie Wood, and Opal O'Donnell by Youth Auxiliary Chairman, Lucille Hampton.

State League President Rev. Gene Rogers gave a report on the State League Rally which is to convene July 25 and 26 in the Fresno Memorial Auditorium.

Individual association recording secretary's reports read and accepted.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. F. A. McCage, Modesto.

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

Opened with singing, "Higher Ground" led by Margie Winters, accompanied by Linda Stevens.

Prayer by Winnie McLain.

The Center Association Woman's Auxiliary Choir sang, "Lift Thine Eyes," directed by Sue Lindsey.

Rev. Jack Dodson, Richmond, brought the message, "Let Us Go On Unto Perfection," using Hebrews 5:12-6:3 as his text.

Benediction by Rev. Joe Mooneyham.

### **Afternoon Session**

Opened with singing "Jesus Saves."

Prayer by Goldie Jensen, Turlock.

Winners of the Declamation Contest were Barbara Sharp, Kerman, first place; Delores Elam, Modesto, second place; and Delma Wright, Ontario, third place.

The State Treasurer's report read and accepted. (*See Reports.*)

Individual association treasurer's reports read and accepted.

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

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

Report of Obituary Committee read and accepted. (*See Reports.*)

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

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

Motion carried to have the next Auxilliary Convention at the Tulare Free Will Baptist Church, 237 South "A" Street, the second Saturday in April, unless it conflicts with Easter.

Delegates to the National Association are as follows: June Rolen, Wanda Rogers, Goldie Priest, Zella Ramsey, May Mooneyham, Cleo Doss, Louise Smith, Lucille Boyle, Evelyn Smith and Peggy Robertson.

Rev. Lynn Wood, vistor from Phoenix, Arizona, gave a report of the Woman's work there.

Individual reports were given by each State Auxiliary Officer present.

The Tulare Auxiliary presented a special feature in the form of a play.

Installation of officers was conducted by Goldie Priest, Richmond. The Installation Prayer was led by Cleo Doss, Kerman.

Closing song, "I Feel Like Traveling On" by congregation.

Benediction by Rev. George McLain, Selma.

## REPORTS

### Resolution Committee:

1. Be it resolved that we continue the State Auxiliary Convention on the second Saturday in April each year, except when it is the same weekend of Easter.
2. Be it resolved that the California Woman's Auxiliary Convention assist in the student loan fund for Free Will Baptist Bible College students in Nashville, Tenn.
3. Be it resolved that we give the host church a standing vote of thanks for their splendid way in caring for the convention.

## **Finance Committee:**

1. We recommend \$40.00 be paid the State Association for the printing of our minutes.
2. We recommend that \$15.00 be paid from each association for the feeding of delegates.
3. We recommend that each auxiliary be assessed \$5.00 to defray the \$100.00 not met for our State project of the French West Africa Mission Station.
4. We recommend that a gift of \$10.00 and \$5.00 and \$2.50 be given the Declamation Contest winners of first, second, and third places, respectively.

## **Obituary Committee:**

We, the Obituary Committee, report that God in His great love has called Sisters E. L. Terry and Etta Wells from the Arvin Church, and Sister Ed Morris from the Richmond Church from our midst the past year.

## **Credential Committee:**

We, the Credential Committee, have examined all records and find all in order.

## **Registration Committee:**

There were 6 Auxiliary members present from the West Coast Association; 39 from Center Association; 15 from Southern Association; 37 from Golden Gate Association; 5 state officers; 15 visitors; and 12 ministers, making a total of 129 who registered.

## **Nominating Committee:**

President .....	Zella Ramsey
Vice President .....	Vida Fry
Recording Secretary and Treasurer.....	Wanda Rogers
Corresponding Secretary.....	June Rolen
Youth Auxiliary Chairman.....	Ruth Walker
Study Course Chairman.....	Patti McLain
Stewardship-Prayer Chairman.....	Betty Gregory
Personal Service Chairman.....	Opal O'Donnell

# TREASURER'S REPORT

## June 12 1957 to April 12, 1958

Balance Brought Forward June 12, 1957.....\$ 19.58

Received:

Center Association Feeding.....	\$ 15.00
Center Association Dues.....	15.20
Southern Association Feeding.....	15.20
Southern Association Dues.....	28.50
West Coast Dues.....	7.40
Golden Gate Dues.....	29.40
Golden Gate Feeding.....	15.00
Offering .....	21.52
Easter Week Foreign Mission Offering	22.67
Blythe Auxiliary for Africa Project.....	2.00
Southern Association for West Africa Mission Station (7 auxiliaries at \$14 plus \$3.20) .....	101.20
Golden Gate Association for West Africa Mission Station (12 auxiliaries at \$14) .....	168.00
Center Association for West Africa Mission Station (4 auxiliaries at \$14)	56.00
Ontario Church for West Africa Mission Station .....	14.00
Blythe Church for West Africa Mission Station .....	10.00
Golden Gate Offering for State Home Missions .....	11.83
Golden Gate Offering for Foreign Missions .....	18.40
Total Received .....	\$551.12
Total to be Accounted for.....	\$570.70

Disbursements:

Bell Gardens Church (Host for 1957 Convention) .....	\$ 45.00
W. N. A. C. Dues at 10c per member.....	36.60
W. N. A. C. Easter Mission.....	22.67
W. N. A. C. Tabernacle Fund.....	20.00
California State Association Printing of Minutes .....	40.00
Home Mission Department.....	11.83
Fresno Bible House for Bulletins.....	3.12
W. N. A. C. for French West Africa Missionary Station .....	349.20
Stamps and Stationery.....	2.00
Foreign Mission Department.....	18.40
Total Disbursements .....	\$548.82
Balance in Treasure.....	21.88
Total Amount Accounted For.....	\$570.70



## 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 officer 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 obtains a recommendation from the California State Minister's Conference before he is allowed to pastor a church in California.

#### **Amendment 1**

No person shall serve on more than one standing board of this Association.

### **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

effort for the salvation of souls and the conversion of the world.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

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

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

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

14. *Tithing.* God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament: Jesus 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."