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Sixteenth Annual Session  
California State Asso.  
Free Will Baptists

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*Convened in the FRESNO ME-  
MORIAL AUDITORIUM, Fresno,  
California, June 23-25, 1959*

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*The next session will convene with the Modesto Free Will Baptist Church, Leo and Sam Streets, Modesto, California, on Wednesday night after the fourth Sunday in June, 1960. (June 29 - August 1, 1960).*

## OFFICERS

Moderator.....	Rev. R. C. Hampton 2004 Aloha Way, Modesto, Calif.
Assistant Moderator.....	Rev. F. A. McCage 915 Acacia Street, Modesto, Calif.
Clerk and Treasurer.....	Mr. Delmer Priest 836 Ventura Street, Richmond, Calif.
Assistant Clerk and Treasurer.....	Mrs. June Rolen 815 Orange Street, Fresno, Calif.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Claudie Hames.....	5 Years 313 Vanderbilt, Oxnard, Calif.
Rev. Jack Dodson.....	4 Years 1726 Lincoln Avenue, Richmond, Calif.
Rev. Cecil Thurman.....	3 Years 1036 West Fountain Way, Fresno, Calif.
Rev. Winston Lawless.....	2 Years Fresno, Calif.
Rev. Arvel Woolery.....	1 Year P. O. Box 642, Strathmore, Calif.

## MISSION BOARD

Rev. Francis Boyle.....	5 Years 782 Orange Street, Arvin, Calif.
Rev. Earl Jensen.....	4 Years Lander and "C" Streets, Turlock, Calif.
Rev. Wiley Gregory.....	3 Years 1415 Ojai Road, Santa Paula, Calif.
Rev. J. A. Franklin.....	2 Years 251 Sierra View, Porterville, Calif.
Rev. Carl Young.....	1 Year 1700 Ely Road, Petaluma, Calif.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

Rev. F. A. McCage.....	5 Years 915 Acacia Street, Modesto, Calif.
Rev. Clinton Wood.....	4 Years 776 Holly Street, Salinas, Calif.
Rev. B. J. Brown.....	3 Years Box 302, Sunnyvale, Calif.
Mr. Pete Conner.....	2 Years 2540 Wimbledon, Napa, Calif.

Rev. Gene Rogers.....1 Year  
1302 West Sonora Street, Tulare, Calif.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Rev. O. H. Doss.....5 Years  
Box 724, Kerman, Calif.

Rev. Odis Faries.....4 Years  
523 Seventeenth Street, Richmond, Calif.

Rev. Clark Casteel.....3 Years  
316 First Street, Hughson, Calif.

Mr. Delmer Priest.....2 Years  
836 Ventura Street, Richmond, Calif.

Rev. Harold Talley.....1 Year  
Ventura, Calif.

### LEAGUE BOARD

Rev. DeArthur Yandall.....5 Years  
2064 South Adellbert Street, Stockton, Calif.

Rev. Joe Mooneyham.....4 Years  
2029 Darrah Street, Ceres, Calif.

Rev. Dean Moore.....3 Years  
316 Sheryl Drive, San Pablo, Calif.

Rev. Loyd Reddick.....2 Years  
7012 Albany, Huntington Park, Calif.

Rev. John Reel.....1 Year  
8707 Burton Avenue, Bellflower, Calif.

### — P R O C E E D I N G S —

*Theme: "Not I, But Christ"*

*Scripture, Galations 2:20*

#### Tuesday Evening Service

The Sixteenth Annual Session of the California State Association of Free Will Baptists opened with congregational singing, "I Am Thine, O Lord" led by the convention song director, Mr. Arlie Miller of Kerman, accompanied by Mrs. Sue Lindsey of Kerman, the convention pianist.

Prayer by Rev. George McLain, Selma.

The Association was called into session by the clerk, Rev. Gene Rogers, who introduced the moderator, Rev. R. C. Hampton.

Congregation sang, "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart."

Prayer by Rev. Elzy Yandell, Bell Gardens.

Congregation sang, "Heavenly Sunlight."

The introductory message was delivered by Rev. O. H. Doss, pastor of the Kerman Church. The theme, "Victory Through Christ" was taken from I Corinthians 15:57.

Motion carried to adopt the program.

Committee on committees was appointed as follows: Rev. Jerry Dudley, Rev. Claudie Hames, Rev. James Franklin, Rev. Joe Mooneyham, and Rev. Dorce McAlister.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Benediction by Rev. Claudie Hames, Oxnard.

### **Wednesday Morning Service**

Services opened with singing, "Stand Up, Stand Up," and "I Want to Be a Worker."

Rev. Francis Boyle, Arvin, brought devotional thoughts from Gal. 2:16-20, followed with prayer.

The moderator, Rev. R. C. Hampton, gave a report of the progress of the denomination in California.

Mr. Arthur G. Selland, Mayor of Fresno, welcomed the convention to Fresno.

Response was given by Rev. F. A. McCage, Modesto.

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

Delegates were given handshake with the congregation singing, "Tell Me the Story of Jesus."

Report of the committee on committees was read and accepted. (*See Reports.*)

Motion carried that the present officers serve through this convention and those elected take office at the close of this session and serve next year.

Officers elected as follows:

Moderator, Rev. R. C. Hampton; Assistant Moderator, Rev. F. A. McCage; Clerk and Treasurer, Rev. Gene Rogers; Assistant Clerk and Treasurer, Mrs. June Rolen.

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

Benediction by Rev. Boyd Allen, Fresno.

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

Service opened with singing, "We Have An Anchor."

Prayer by Mr. Pete Connor, Richmond.

Quartet composed of Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie McAlister, Miss Esterlee White, and Mr. Arlie Miller sang "One of His

Own" accompanied by Rev. Ted Wilbanks. Miss White sang "His Robe."

Rev. E. E. Morris, pastor of the North Modesto Church, brought the message. His theme: "Not I, But Christ."

Benediction by Rev. J. A. Franklin, Porterville.

### Wednesday Afternoon Session

The afternoon session opened with singing "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings" and "At the Cross."

Scripture reading from Philippians 3. Prayer was offered by Rev. Joe Mooneyham, pastor of the Ceres Church.

Dr. Walter Penner, Southwest Regional Director of the National Association of Evangelicals, brought greetings from the National Association of Evangelicals.

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

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

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

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

Report of the State Mission Board was given by Rev. Earl Jensen, Chairman. The Mission Board financial report was given by Rev. Carl Young, Secretary. (*See Reports.*)

Report of the Christian Education Board was given by Rev. F. A. McCage, Chairman. (*See Reports.*)

Report of the Sunday School Board was given by Rev. O. H. Doss, Chairman. (*See Reports.*)

Rev. Dean Moore was retained as the Centralization Treasurer.

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

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

Motion carried that Rev. J. L. Waltman be retired as an active member of the State Mission Board and be made a lifetime honorary member.

Rev. James A. Franklin was elected to serve as the two (2) year member of the State Mission Board.

Rev. F. A. McCage was elected to serve as the five (5)



year member of the Christian Education Board.

Motion carried to adjourn business until 9:00 a.m. Thursday.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Clinton Wood, Salinas.

### Wednesday Evening Service

The evening worship service was opened with singing, "He Lifted Me."

Congregation led in prayer by Rev. Dean Moore.

Congregation sang "Higher Ground."

The Kerman Quartet sang "Waiting the Call and "He Is My Savior."

Congregation sang "He Loves Me."

Prayer by Rev. DeArthur Yandell, Stockton.

Dr. Walter Penner brought the evening message, presenting the National Association of Evangelicals, its work and needs.

*Business:* Resolution No. 1 was read and adopted, to be placed on the table until Thursday, June 25, 1959.

Benediction by Rev. J. S. Cox.

### Thursday Morning Session

Session opened with singing "Come Thou Fount" and "He Keeps Me Singing."

Devotional thoughts from Acts 17:22-29 and prayer was offered by Rev. Claudie Hames, Oxnard.

Rules of Order was read by the Moderator.

Report of the Placement Committee was read and adopted.

Resolution No. 1 was brought from the table and adopted. (*See Reports.*)

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

Those elected to auditing committee as authorized by Resolution No. 2 are as follows: Rev. E. E. Morris, 3-year member; Rev. Lee Ramsey, 2-year members; and Mr. Charles Vance, 1-year member.

Resolution No. 3 was read and adopted. (*See Reports.*)

Motion carried that Resolution No. 4 be tabled. (*See Reports.*)

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

Officers of the State aMsters Men organization as authorized by Resolution No. 5 were elected as follows: Mr. Charles Vance, President, and Mr. W. E. (Pat) Wilbanks,

Secretary.

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

Report of the Finance Committee was read. Motion carried to receive the report. Report to be voted on item by item.

Finance Report No. 1 was read and adopted. (*See Reports.*)

Finance Report No. 2 was read and adopted. (*See Reports.*)

Finance Report No. 3 was read and adopted. (*See Reports.*)

Finance Report No. 4 was read and adopted. (*See Reports.*)

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

Finance Report No. 6 was read and adopted. (*See Reports.*)

Motion carried to adjourn.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Roy Pembroke, Antioch.

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

Worship service opened with singing "He Is a Wonderful Savior" and "The Cleansing Wave."

Altar of prayer with all the ordained, led by Mr. Walter Bedell.

Congregation sang "The Light of the World Is Jesus."

Rev. Jack Dodson, pastor of the Richmond Church, brought the message. Scripture reading from Philippians 3:14. His theme, "Vital Vitamins for a Church."

Benediction by Rev. Lee Ramsey.

#### **Thursday Afternoon Session**

Session opened with singing "The Solid Rock."

Prayer by Rev. B. J. Brown, Sunnyvale.

Report of the Obituary Committee was read and a moment of silent prayer was offered followed with audible prayer by the moderator, Rev. R. C. Hampton. (*See Reports.*)

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

Rev. DeArthur Yandell, Stockton, was elected to serve as the five (5) year member of the League Board.



Rev. O. H. Doss was elected to serve as the five (5) year member of the Sunday School Board.

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

Motion carried to elect a full-time promotional secretary on a salary and that he devote all of his time to promoting the work of the state.

Motion carried to pay the promotional secretary \$90.00 per week salary and car expenses at \$.05 per mile.

Motion carried that the financial balance of the Ministers and Deacons Conference be transferred to his department.

Rev. E. E. Morris was elected as the promotional secretary.

Invitation from the Modesto Free Will Baptist Church to host the 1960 California State Association was accepted.

Rev. DeArthur Yandell was elected to bring the introductory message. Rev. George McLain was elected as the alternate speaker.

Motion carried that the delegates to the 1959 National Convention be selected by the ordained attending the National Convention.

Rev. F. A. McCage, Rev. Earl Jensen, and Rev. E. E. Morris were elected as the Program Committee.

Motion carried that the expenses of the Mortuary Fund be taken from the State Treasury.

Motion carried that Article Eleven of the Constitution be taken from the table and adopted. (*See Reports.*)

Motion carried to adopt, with amendment, item two of the Publication Committee. (*See Reports.*)

Motion carried to give a standing vote of thanks to the Program Committee; to Mr. Arlie Miller, song director; to Mrs. Sue Lindsey, pianist; to all who participated in the program; to those who furnished the song books and to all who assisted in making the convention possible.

Resolution No. 7 was read and adopted. (*See Reports.*)

Motion carried to accept recommendation No. 6 of the Finance Committee report as amended. Amendment concerning allocations as follows: to the National Department 35%; State Missions Department 7½%; Christian Education Department 17½%; Sunday School Department 5%;

and to the Promotional Department, 35%.

Rev. E. E. Morris resigned as the three (3) year member of the Auditing Committee.

Mr. Walter Bedell was elected to serve as the three (3) year member of the Auditing Committee.

Rev. Gene Rogers resigned as Association Clerk.

Mr. Delmer Priest was elected Clerk of the Association.

Motion carried to adjourn convention.

Dismissed in prayer by Mr. Arlie Miller, Kerman.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES:

#### RESOLUTION

E. E. Morris  
Roy Pembroke  
Francis Boyle  
Boyd Allen  
F. A. McCage

#### PLACEMENT

Gene Rogers  
W. E. Wilbanks  
George McLain  
Clinton Wood  
Zella Ramsey

#### FINANCE

Jack Dodson  
Claudie Hames  
O. H. Doss  
R. C. Hampton  
James Franklin

#### TEMPERANCE

Don Farris  
J. R. Plumb  
Pete Conner  
Lucille Boyle  
John Hall

#### PUBLICATION

Dean Moore  
Carl Young  
John Reel  
Lonnie McAlister  
Cleo Doss

#### OBITUARY

Lonnie Rolen  
Charles Varney  
J. Q. Moore  
Wanda Rogers  
Don Bias

### Resolution Committee:

No. 1. Be it resolved that Article Four (4) of the Constitution be amended to read as follows: Representation to the State Association shall be by subordinate association. Each association shall be entitled to one delegate per each fifty members.

No. 2. Be it resolved that each department or board furnish the Association at each session an audited report. Such audit to be made by an auditing committee of three members elected by this body. This committee to be a standing committee so

elected that the term of one member expires each year.

- No. 3. Be it resolved that the California Association of Free Will Baptists demand that all missionaries and workers of the National Association of Free Will Baptists who do not preach and practice all the doctrine of the Free Will Baptist Treatise be recalled from the field of service.
- No. 4. Be it resolved that the Program Committee be elected from the floor.
- No. 5. Be it resolved that we organize a State Masters Men Organization in accordance with the National program and that we elect a president and secretary and that the first session be held in conjunction with the 1960 State Association.
- No. 6. Inasmuch as the California State Ministers and Deacons Conference is now defunct, be it resolved that the Mortuary Fund Program (which was a part of the California State Ministers and Deacons Conference) be continued and that it be transferred to and administered by the treasurer of the State Association.
- No. 7. Be it resolved that a letter of appreciation be sent to the City of Fresno for their generosity in donating to us the use of this beautiful Memorial Auditorium, and to Mr. Arthur Selland, Mayor of Fresno, for the warm welcome which was extended to the delegates of the Annual Convention of the California State Association of Free Will Baptists.

#### **Finance Committee:**

- No. 1. We recommend that the final payment of \$125.00 be paid to the Centralization Fund.
- No. 2. We recommend that \$20.00 be paid to the Moderator, \$35.00 to the clerk, and \$15.00 to the assistant clerk.
- No. 3. We recommend 1,000 minutes be printed.
- No. 4. We recommend that \$30.00 be sent to the National Association for minutes.
- No. 5. We recommend that each association send \$.50 per capita member to the 1960 meeting of the

State Association. This amount to be sent to this session only to help in the expense of the National Association which meets in 1960 in Fresno.

No. 6. We recommend that the Cooperative Plan be allocated as follows: (*amended to read as follows*):

National Association .....	35%
State Mission Board.....	7½%
State Christian Education Board.....	17½%
State Sunday School Board.....	5%
Promotional Department .....	35%

#### **Obituary Committee:**

We report that the Lord has called 17 members from our midst in the past year. From the Golden Gate Association 6; Center Association 4; Southern Association 4; West Coast Association 3. 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 guiding our thoughts
  - b. By carefully selecting our reading material
  - c. By carefully selecting our 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:**

No. 1. Whereas the National Association voted while in regular session at St. Louis, Missouri, to publish

our denominational literature; therefore, the General Board acted without authority in entering into the proposed contract with the Ayden Press.

Be it resolved, that the California State Association of Free Will Baptists go on record as being opposed to the proposed contract drawn up between the Executive Committee of the General Board and the Ayden Press.

We recommend the continued publication of literature from Nashville, Tennessee.

No. 2. We recommend the publication of State Paper. Promotional Department's Annual Report:

June 1, 1958 to May 31, 1959—

Total Income for year.....\$9,449.82

**ALLOCATIONS:**

National Cooperative Program.....	35%	\$3,307.39
State Mission Fund.....	22½%	2,126.22
State Centralization Board.....	7½%	708.75
State Christian Education Board.....	22½%	126.22
State Sunday School Board.....	5%	472.49
Promotional Department .....	7½%	708.75

Total Allocated .....100%.....\$9,449.82

Rev. R. C. Hampton, Promional Sec. and Treas.

**State Association's Treasurer's Report, 1958-1959**

Balance Brought Forward June, 1958.....\$ 244.37

**Receipts:**

Golden Gate Association.....	\$339.00
Center Association .....	165.75
Southern Association .....	216.25
West Coast Association.....	174.00
State League Convention.....	40.00
State Woman's Auxiliary.....	40.00

Total Receipts .....\$ 975.00

Total .....\$1,219.37

**Disbursements:**

Richmond Church, Host for 1958.....	\$225.00
Rev. R. C. Hampton, Moderator.....	20.00
Rev. Gene Rogers, Clerk.....	35.00
Mrs. June Rolen, Assistant Clerk.....	15.00
National Association for Minutes.....	30.00
Centralization Fund .....	125.00
State Minutes .....	254.80
Postage for Minutes.....	4.25
Executive Board Expenses.....	48.50



Display for National Association.....	67.27
Check Book .....	1.60
Convention Expenses .....	90.00

Total Disbursements .....	\$ 916.42
Balance on Hand, June 1959.....	\$ 302.95

Rev. Gene Rogers, Treasurer

### Centralization Report

Balance Brought Forward.....	\$4,623.29
Interest paid June 30, 1958.....	69.35
Interest paid December 31, 1959.....	74.83
Payment on loan to State Association Treasury.....	125.00
Cooperative Plan of Support.....	708.75

Total in Treasury.....	\$5,601.22
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(Please note: June 30 is another interest paying date. This will amount to around \$84.02).

Rev. Dean Moore, Treasurer

### Report of the Executive Board:

The State Executive Board met February 7, 1959, at the Concord Free Will Baptist Church with four members present. Election of officers as follows: Rev. Jack Dodson, Chairman; Rev. Winston Lawless, Clerk.

The meeting was called to discuss and decide whether we should send Rev. Jerry Dudley to meet with the General Board of the National Association in Nashville to discuss the resignation of the National Sunday School Board members and help to solve the problem of literature printing. Due to shortage of finance, a motion was made and carried not to send him.

A motion carried that the Chairman write a letter to the General Board stating our position relative to the printing of Sunday School literature by the National Association. As far as we were able to determine, most all of our churches are in favor of the National Association printing our own literature. We advised the General Board so.

In regard to incorporation of the churches of the State Association of California: Two members of the Board met with Attorney J. M. Carter of Fresno and after a very careful study of our Treatise advised us against trying to incorporate as it would not be of very much benefit to us, also it would be almost impossible to draw up a set of Articles of Incorporation that would be bind-



ing, without divesting the local church of some of their independence. For instance, if one church should be sued, then the entire corporation would become liable.

Rev. Jack Dodson, Chairman

### Report of the State Mission Board:

Financial Report, June, 1958 to June, 1959:

Received from Previous Treasurer.....\$2,072.24

#### Receipts:

Cooperative Allocation .....\$2,126.22

Received from Payments on Loans.... 1,295.00

Earmarked Receipts ..... 95.64

Strathmore Church ..... 211.00

Total Receipts .....\$3,727.86

Total to be accounted for.....\$5,800.10

#### Disbursements:

Organization of New Works.....\$1,104.05

Telephone ..... 227.77

Mileage ..... 143.90

Supplies (rubber stamp and postage) 11.87

Highway Sign for

Northern California ..... 100.00

Loans to Churches..... 1,900.00

Total Disbursements .....\$3,487.59

Balance on hand in Treasury.....\$2,312.51

Total Accounted for.....\$5,800.10

Loans Outstanding .....\$1,100.00

Total Assets .....\$3,412.51

A total of nine new churches have been given Mission Board support. The churches and missions are as follows:

Fremont—\$183.50  
Rev. Verlin Ramsey, Pastor  
860 Sycamore St., Newark  
Roseville—\$54.85  
Rev. John Clifton, Pastor  
344 Circuit Drive, Roseville  
San Dimas—\$94.70  
Rev. Joe Horner, Pastor  
428 W. 3rd St., San Dimas  
Arcata—\$150.00  
Rev. Nowell Jones, Pastor  
1136 15th St., Arcata  
Bell Mission—\$80.00  
Rev. Gerald Casey, Pastor

6562 Serva Avenue,  
Bell Gardens  
Oildale Mission—\$88.00  
Rev. Orville Nelson, Pastor  
1321 Nile St., Bakersfield  
Espardo—\$110.00  
Rev. Russel Hicks, Pastor  
P. O. Box 145, Winters  
Olivehurst—\$125.00  
Rev. Eddie Mize, Pastor  
P. O. Box 1070, Olivehurst  
Santa Maria—\$218.00  
Rev. Fred Laurence, Pastor

Rev. Earl Jensen, Chairman  
Rev. Carl Young, Secretary

### Report of the Christian Education Board:

#### FINANCIAL REPORT:

June 1, 1959 to May 31, 1959

Balance brought forward.....	\$1,260.01
Receipts:	
Coperative Program .....	\$2,126.22
Offerings .....	1,624.00
Total Receipts .....	\$3,750.22
Total .....	\$5,010.23
Disbursements:	
Traveling expense for board mem- bers and teachers.....	\$ 406.36
Supplies and postage.....	154.29
Phone calls .....	19.00
California display for National Asso- ciation at St. Louis.....	50.00
Total Disbursements .....	\$ 629.65
Balance on hand.....	\$4,380.58

### **Report of the State Sunday School Board:**

The State Sunday School Board met September 13, 1958 in Ceres, California with four members present. Harold Talley was elected as Chairman with Orbin Doss elected as Secretary-Treasurer.

The board voted to pay Harold Talley mileage and telephone calls for which he failed to report the past year.

The board, knowing the only source of income was through the Cooperative Program, voted to pay four cents per mile for traveling expense.

The board voted for each board member to direct the use of the projector while it was being used in the Quarterly Meeting or Association where they live at their own expense.

The board voted to meet in Kerman, California April 4, 1959. However there were only two members present.

Through correspondence and with a favorable response from each member of the board, we purchased some filmstrips, "Sunday School Administration," of which we believe to be the best yet purchased.

As other filmstrips come on the market of which we believe will help our churches to be better informed on Sunday Schools, we plan to purchase them.

#### *Where Projector Was Used*

September 15 to November 1, 1958—Quarterly Meeting No. 1 of the Golden Gate Association with Clark Casteel in charge.

November 1, 1958 to January 5, 1959—Center Association with Orbin Doss in charge.

Since January 5, it has been in the Southern and West Coast Associations with Odes Faries and Harold Talley in charge.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

August 1, 1958 when we took charge of the book.....\$ 93.48  
Income from State Cooperative Program..... 447.51

Total Income .....\$541.00

**Expense:**

Mileage .....\$ 78.24  
Telephone calls ..... 14.00  
Filmstrips ..... 24.96  
Projector bulbs ..... 10.82  
Repairs on recorder..... 3.36  
Printing of checks..... 1.60

Total Expense .....\$132.98 \$132.98

Balance .....\$408.02

**LETTERS FROM ASSOCIATIONS**

**Golden Gate Association:**

To the California State Association when meeting at Fresno, California, June 23-25, 1959.

We send as delegates J. R. Plum, Kittie Morton, Opal Austin, Mattie Haver, Evelyn Walten, Charles Varney, and Evelyn Walden.

**STATISTICS:**

Number of churches 28; number of parsonages 8; number of ordained ministers 60; number of deacons 70. Number of the following auxiliaries: Sunday Schools 28; Leagues 10; Woman's Auxiliaries 10; Y.P.A.'s 3; Boy's Auxiliaries; Master's Men 3; Prayer Meetings 28. Church membership 1352; members dismissed 114; deceased 6; Sunday School enrollment 1911.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Spent for local causes: Pastors salary \$42,761.30; evangelistic work \$2,254.00; building and repair \$42,438.73; miscellaneous \$22,541.48; total local expenditures \$109,995.50.

Spent for outside causes: Cooperative plan \$4,577.24; missions \$1,587.33; education \$1,262.99; total outside expenditures \$7,727.56.

Value of church property \$217,953.00.

Value of parsonage property \$35,000.00.

Amount enclosed with letter for expense \$405.60.

Rev. Jerry Dudley, Moderator  
710 William Way, Concord, California  
Mrs. Mae Graham, Clerk  
651 Eighth Street, Turlock, California

## **Center Association:**

To the California State Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at Fresno, California, June 23-25, 1959.

We send as delegates George Maner, Mary Kinbro, Gladys Stevens, Herma Lee Toby, W. E. Wilbanks, Wanda Eaton, and Russel Edwards.

### **STATISTICS:**

Number of churches 8; number of parsonages 4; number of ordained ministers 27; number of licensed ministers 5; number of ordained deacons 22. Number of the following auxiliaries: Sunday Schools 8; Leagues 5; Woman's Auxiliaries 5; Master's Men 1; Prayer Meetings 8. Church membership 610; members received 135; members dismissed 84; deceased 4. Sunday School enrollment 923; League enrollment 99; Woman's Auxiliary membership 57.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Spent for local causes: Pastors salary \$17,950.38; Evangelistic work \$574.76; building and repairs \$4,431.67; literature \$1,527.97; advertising \$21.25; miscellaneous \$2,233.17; other \$5,755.75. Total local expenditures \$31,475.69.

Spent for outside causes: Cooperative Plan \$929.86; Missions \$249.42; education \$46.61; associational projects \$640.00; state and national projects \$328.61. Total outside expenditures \$1,727.00.

Value of church property \$156,500.00.

Value of parsonage property \$23,000.00.

Amount enclosed with letter for expense \$183.00.

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 Fresno, California, June 23-25, 1959.

We send as delegates Myra Smith, Helen Leeds, Harley Marshall, Nadine Gardenhire, Laurence Van Ness, Ben Fortune, and James Barrett.

### **STATISTICS:**

Number of churches 14; number of parsonages 5; number of ordained ministers 32; number of licensed ministers 10; number of ordained deacons 51. Number of the following auxiliaries: Sunday Schools 14; Leagues 9; Woman's Auxiliaries 10; Master's Men 1; Prayer Meetings 14. Church members 935; members dismissed 78; deceased 4. Sunday School enrollment 1125; League enrollment 158; Woman's Auxiliary membership 129.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Spent for local causes: Pastors salary \$29,934.89; evangelistic work \$1,592.14; building and repair \$15,448.88. Total local expenditures \$46,875.91.



Spent for outside causes: Cooperative Plan \$1,820.40; associational projects \$135.00. Total outside expenditures \$1,955.00.

Value of church property \$212,880.00.

Value of parsonage property \$33,200.00.

Amount enclosed with letter for expense \$280.50.

Rev. Gene Rogers, Moderator

1302 West Sonora Street, Tulare, California

Rev. Orville Nelson, Clerk

1021 Niles Street, Bakersfield, California

### **West Coast Association:**

To the California State Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at Fresno, California, June 23-25, 1959.

We send as delegates Arthur Watkins, Alta Watkins, J. B. Ledbetter, Robert Riddle, and Louise Riddle

### **STATISTICS:**

Number of churches 14 (1 mission); number of parsonages 2; number of ordained ministers 27; number of licensed ministers 14; number of ordained deacons 35. Number of the following auxiliaries: Sunday Schools 15; Leagues 10; Woman's Auxiliaries 4; Master's Men 2; Prayer Meetings 14. Membership 785; members dismissed 111; deceased 3. Sunday School enrollment 766; League enrollment 168; Woman's Auxiliary membership 24.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Total giving in the churches \$49,174.50.

Spent for local causes: Pastors salary \$26,893.55; evangelical work \$449.30; building and repair \$20,574.08; literature \$1,328.16; advertising \$112.30; miscellaneous \$9,874.80. Total local expenditures \$59,232.19.

Spent for outside causes: Cooperative Plan \$1,126.57; home missions \$150.73; education \$329.05; associational projects \$1,099.37; state and national projects \$900.00. Total outside expenditures \$5,789.25.

Value of church property \$111,000.00.

Value of parsonage property \$12,000.00.

Amount enclosed with letter for expenses \$147.90.

Rev. Edward Johns, Moderator

605½ North Fifth St., Blythe, California

Mrs. Ruth Holmesley, Clerk

12613 Ross Avenue, Chino, California

### **MINISTERS ROLL**

Allen, Boyd, 4527 E. Ventura, Fresno

Bedell, W. L., 685 Rodeo Avenue, Rodeo

Bias, Don, 21915, Clarksdale, Artesia

Blare, Beryle, 1010 Coolidge Avenue, National City

Boyle, Francis, 782 Orange Street, Arvin

Brakebill, Beryle M., 25141 E. Fifth Street, San Bernardino

Bridges, J. E., General Delivery, Orosi  
~~Brown, B. J., Box 302, Sunnyvale~~  
Bryant, Marvin, 14615 Gridley Road, Norwalk ✓  
Casteel, Clark, 316 First Street, Hughson ✓  
Cathy, Norman, Box 513, Corcoran ✓  
Chandler, John Adam, 14333 Garfield, Paramount ✓  
Condley, G. M., 116 Springfield, Reedley  
Cox, J. S., 1519 Elm, Atwater  
Dodson, Jack, 1726 Lincoln Avenue, Richmond  
Doss, O. H., Box 724, Kerman  
Duckworth, Charles, Norwalk  
Dudley, Jerry, 710 William Way, Concord  
Dunaway, I. B., Fresno  
Easterwood, H. H., 53 Oak Street, Camarillo  
Erickson, Meryl, 1520 Burrell, Visalia  
Evans, J. R., 3189 E. Date Street, Porterville  
Faries, Odes, 523 Seventeenth, Richmond  
Farris, Donald, 380 Ash Street, Shafter  
Fassio, C. R., 9230 Cranford, Rivera  
Franklin, J. A., 251 Sierra View, Porterville  
Freeman, Joy, P. O. Box 37, Kerman  
Gregory, Wiley, 235 No. 10th Street, Santa Paula  
Hames, Claudie, 313 Vanderbilt, Oxnard  
Hampton, R. C., 2004 Aloha Way, Modesto  
Haskins, Riley, 13531 Palm, Baldwin Park  
Hood, Billy, 1154 E. Florence, Norwalk  
Hood, C. C., 7622 Artesia, Buena Park  
Hoover, B. G., 4022 E. Fairview, Fresno  
Hoover, Harold, 990 North Willow Avenue, Rialto  
Horner, Joe, 428 West Third Street, San Dimas  
Harrison, Clifton, South "K" Street, San Bernardino  
Huddleston, T. N. 6200 West Harlan, Chowchilla  
Jensen, Earl, Lander and "C" Streets, Turlock  
Johns, Edward, 605½ North Fifth Street, Blythe  
Lambert, P. E., 1019 Dairy Avenue, Corcoran  
Laurence, Fred, 212 South Superior, Santa Maria  
Lawless, Winston, Fresno  
McAlister, Doice, P. O. Box 513, Kerman  
McAlister, Lonnie, 417 Polk, Taft  
McCage, F. A., 915 Acacia Avenue, Modesto  
McLain, George, 10861 South Highland, Selma



Mooneyham, Joe, 1825 North Central, Ceres  
 Moore, Dean, 316 Sheryl, San Pablo  
 Morris, E. E., 224 East Morris, Modesto  
 Pembroke, Roy, 1852 Alvarado, Walnut Creek  
 Pritchett, W. W., 5311 West Olive, Porterville  
 Purcell, Paul and Cleo, 739 Border, Torrance  
 Ramsey, Lee, 360 South Shasta, Kerman  
 Ramsey, G. B., 1414 Tucker, Selma  
 Reddick, Loyd, 7012 Albany, Huntington Park  
 Reel, John, 8707 Burton, Bellflower  
 Rial, Leonard, 613½ Blackburn, Watsonville  
 Robertson, B. H., 5433 Orchard, Ontario  
 Rogers, Gene, 1302 West Sonora, Tulare  
 Rolen, Lonnie, 815 Orange, Fresno  
 Scroggins, O. D., Box 411, Parlier  
 Scroggins, Henry, 21818 Delvin, Artesia  
 Slaten, Joe J., 5037 Jones, Arlington  
 — Smith, Richard, Orange Cove  
 Talbert, A. B., 416 North Monterey, Ontario  
 Talley, Harold, 280 South Ventura, Ventura  
 X Thurman, Cecil, 219 West Hampton, Fresno  
 Thurman, Orvil, Bakersfield  
 Waltam, J. L., 667 Eighth, Turlock  
 Williamson, Jesse L., 7435 Scout, Bell Gardens  
 Williams, Darnell, 547 South Lemon, Anaheim  
 Winters, Andrew, 945 Buckingham Way, Fresno  
 Wood, Dewey, 1812 Esmond, Richmond  
 Wood, J. C., 776 Holly, Salinas  
 Woolery, A. E., Box 642, Strathmore  
 Yandell, DeArthur, 2064 South Adelbert, Stockton  
 Yandell, J. E., 5903 Ludell, Bell Gardens  
 Young, Carl, 1700 Ely Road, Petaluma

### DEACONS ROLL

Burger, Leroy, 925 Doner, Modesto  
 Carr, Harry, 15329 Bellota, Paramount  
 Conner, Pete, 2540 Wimbledon, Napa  
 Chandler, Elmer, Camarillo  
 Cravens, Earl, 665 East Grand, Pomona  
 Denton, Bob, 1112 Sierra, Tulare  
 Gilliam, Ed, 5520 Pacific, Huntington Park  
 Hall, B. L., 982 East Annex, Blythe

Hall, J. W., Box 355, Kerman  
Hunsucker, Guy, Parlier  
Harthorne, Berney, Santa Paula  
Jenkins, Bud, 1941 Evans Road, Ceres  
Jones, Elmer, Porterville  
Kemp, R. R., Kerman  
Kline, Horner, Calwa  
King, Leonard, 335 Acacia, Santa Paula  
King, Malta, Santa Paula  
Kirkpatrick, Charles, 3815 Randolph, Huntington Park  
Lewis, Everett, Route 1, Box 216, Santa Paula  
Lewis, J. D., Porterville  
Long, Alain, Porterville  
Matthews, Charley, 14518 Painter, Norwalk  
Matthews, Tom, 12239 Buttian, Artesia  
McCullar, Earl, 2625 Cleveland, Selma  
Mims, Turner, 151 St. Mary's Drive, Oxnard  
Moore, J. A., 2050 Mariposa, Stockton  
Moore, Tony, Greenfield  
Newport, Estel, Route 2, Box 255, Santa Paula  
Parker, Herb, 136 West Buckingham, Fresno  
Priest, Delmer T., 836 Ventura, Richmond  
Pierce, Ed, 15349 Vermont, Paramount  
Pierce, Roy, 12011 Lawemont, Norwalk  
Pruett, J. L., 219 South Kersing, Porterville  
Roberts, J. A., 1931 Glenda Road, Ceres  
Rice, Wayne, 4576 West 153 Place, Lawndale  
Rodden, Carl, 2633 Hill, Huntington Park  
Russel, E. A., 1925 Wilcox, Richmond  
Sanders, S. H., Porterville  
Spurlock, Robert H., 1390 Karen, San Pablo  
Suggs, Cleo, Fourteenth Street, Santa Paula  
Tinker, Bill, 8865 Stardust Lane, Anaheim  
Vandivort, G. R., 11662 Magnolia, Garden Grove  
Wheeler, Esmond, 9044 Algeroma, Bellflower  
Wood, Walter, 2022 Glenda Road, Ceres  
Woody, Alfred, Porterville

## STATISTICAL REPORT OF SUBORDINATE ASSOCIATIONS

ASSOCIATIONS	Golden Gate	Center	Southern	West Coast	Total
Churches	28	8	14	14	64
Membership	1352	610	935	785	3682
Ministers	60	27	32	27	146
Licensed Ministers	-----	5	10	14	29
Deacons	70	27	51	35	183
Sunday Schools	28	8	14	15	65
Sunday School Enrollment	1911	923	1125	766	4725
F. W. B. Leagues	10	5	9	10	34
F. W. B. League Enrollment	-----	99	158	168	425
Women's Auxiliaries	10	5	10	4	29
Women's Auxiliary Enrollment	-----	57	129	24	210
Master's Men	3	1	1	2	7
Paid Pastors	\$42,761.20	\$17,950.38	\$29,934.89	\$26,893.55	\$117,540.12
Paid Evangelists	2,254.00	574.76	1,592.14	449.30	4,870.20
Education	1,262.99	46.61	260.00	329.95	2,098.65
Building and Improvements	42,438.72	4,431.67	15,448.88	20,574.08	82,893.35
Missions	1,587.33	249.42	560.00	150.23	2,546.98
Paid Cooperative Program	4,577.24	929.86	1,820.40	1,126.58	8,454.07
Value of Church Property	217,953.00	156,500.00	212,880.00	111,000.00	698,333.00
Value of Parsonage Property	35,000.00	23,000.00	33,200.00	12,000.00	103,200.00

# STATE LEAGUE CONVENTION

## Tenth Annual Session

The tenth annual session of the California State League Convention met at the Tulare Memorial Auditorium, Tulare, California, May 2-3, 1959.

President Rev. Gene Rogers called the rally into session.

Services opened by singing "Sound the Battle Cry" and "I Am Resolved" led by Betty Fry, Tulare, with Delma Wright, Ontario, as the pianist.

Led in prayer by Rev. Nuel Brown.

Devotional reading, Philippians 4:9-13, was brought by Rev. Edward Jones, Blythe.

Welcome address was given by Rev. Jack Palmer, Youth For Christ Director in Tulare. Response by Rev. Lonnie Rolen, Calwa.

In the absence of the Vice President, Rev. Bobby Brown, Rev. Nuel Brown was elected as Vice President.

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

Committee members appointed as follows:

### RESOLUTION

Boyd Allen  
Claudie Hames  
Leroy Burger  
Bob Leeds  
Bobby Brown

### FINANCE

Jerry Dudley  
Ann Hahn  
Sue Lewis  
Joe Blair  
Bruce Newport

### NOMINATION

James Barrett  
Doice McAlister  
Leon Kirk  
Don Sanger  
Sue Wood  
Oscar Wright

### OBITUARY

Fern Rice  
Helen Leeds  
Phillip Doss  
Betty Wood

Letters from Golden Gate, West Coast, Center, and Southern League Conventions were read and accepted.

Treasurer's report read and accepted.

Minutes of the 1958 State League Convention were read.

Motion carried that a letter of representation be sent to the National League Convention in Fort Smith, Arkansas, and the following recommendation: We, the State of California, recommend that the National League Convention and the National Association be consolidated.

Motion carried that business be adjourned until the afternoon session.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. McCage.

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

Services opened by singing "He Lives," led by Betty Fry, Tulare, accompanied by Linda Stevens, Kerman.

Led in prayer by Rev. Dean Moore.

The Glory Light trio sang "How Long Has It Been?"

The Preachers Quartet sang "Have You Heard?"

Clinton and Sue Wood rendered "Have Thine Own Way."

Rev. Francis Boyle, Arvin, brought the message using I John 5:1-5 as his Scripture text.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Earl Jensen.

### **Saturday Afternoon Session**

Opened by singing "I Love To Tell the Story" led by Betty Fry accompanied by Linda Stevens.

Led in prayer by Rev. Joe Mooneyham.

Rev. Dean Moore gave an oral report for the State League Board.

Judges for Sword Drills and plays were selected as follows: Delmer Sharp, Bud Jenkins, J. Franklin, Peggy Robertson.

Lawndale League, representing West Coast Association, presented a play entitled "City of Sin."

Congregational singing.

Sunnyvale League, representing Golden Gate Association, presented a play entitled "The Creep."

Motion carried that the 1960 State League Convention be held in Porterville. Motion carried that the State League Convention convene on the first Saturday and Sunday in May.

Motion carried that the business be adjourned until the Sunday morning session.

Dismissed in prayer by Delmer Sharp.

Workshops were conducted by the State League Officers.

### **Saturday Evening Services**

Opened by singing "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" and "Rock of Ages," led by Betty Fry, accompanied by Linda Percer, Richmond.

Led in prayer by Rev. F. A. McCage.

State League Choir, conducted by Betty Fry, sang "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," "Wonderful Grace of Jesus," "He Hideth My Soul," and "How Great Thou Art."

Congregational singing.

Led in prayer by Rev. Joe Blair.

Special singing was rendered by the Desertaires quartet.

Rev. E. E. Morris brought the message using I Chronicles 29:11-2 as his scripture text.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Bobby Brown.

### Sunday Morning Service

Services opened by singing "He Keeps Me Singing" and "Sunshine in the Soul," led by Betty Fry, accompanied by Linda Percer.

Led in prayer by Rev. Lonnie McAlister.

Devotional I Corinthians 15:55-58 was brought by Coy Priest, Richmond.

Resolution No. 3 read and adopted. (*See Reports.*)

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

Finance recommendation No. 1 read and accepted. (*See Reports.*)

Finance recommendation No. 2 read and accepted. (*See Reports.*)

Finance recommendation No. 3 read and accepted. (*See Reports.*)

Finance recommendation No. 4 read and accepted. (*See Reports.*)

Motion carried that the present officers be given a vote of thanks.

Report of the nominating committee was read.

Officers elected as follows:

President: Coy Priest, 836 Ventura Street, Richmond.

Vice President: Nuel Brown, 195 N. Sunnyvale, Sunnyvale.

Recording Sec.: Barbara Sharp, P. O. Box 51, Kerman.

Corres. Sec.: Emma Puitt, 1226 Tomah, Porterville.

Treasurer: Jesse Dunn, 3815-A Randolph, Huntington Park.

Chorister: Mack Franklin, 251 Sierra View, Porterville.

Pianist: Linda Stevens, P. O. Box 66, Kerman.

Sponsor: Bud Jenkins, 1941 Evans Road, Ceres.

Sword Drill Leader: June Rolen, 815 So. Orange, Fresno.

Congregational singing.

Led in prayer by Rev. Boyd Allen.



Installation of new officers conducted by Rev. Jerry Dudley.

Motion carried to adjourn.

### Eleven O'Clock Service

Services opened by singing "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" and "Near the Cross."

Led in prayer by Paul Reberry.

Kerman trio sang "Inside Your Heart" and "Wonderful Saviour."

Gay Sumpter, Modesto, rendered "We Are Our Heavenly Father's Children."

Congregational singing.

Led in prayer by Rev. Gene Rogers.

Rev. B. J. Brown brought the message using I Corinthians 10:12-13 as his scripture text.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Doice McAlister.

### Sunday Afternoon Service

Service opened by singing "He Lives."

Led in prayer by Rev. Lee Ramsey, Exeter.

Gay Sumpter, Modesto, rendered "Close to Thee."

Motion carried that the State League Convention pay for renting of a hall for the 1960 Convention.

Junior and Intermediate Sword Drills were conducted by June Rolen. Nancy Davidson, West Coast, received a Bible as winner of the Junior Sword Drill. Bonnie Stokes and Edna Hatcher received Testaments for placing second and third, respectively. Virginia Lawless received a trophy as winner of the Intermediate Sword Drill. Delma Wright and Martha Russell received Testaments, placing second and third respectively.

Finance recommendation No. 5 read and accepted. (*See Reports.*)

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

Report of the Registration Committee was read.

Congregational singing.

Calwa League, representing Center Association, presented a play entitled "We the Jury Find."

Rev. Jerry Dudley and Rev. B. J. Brown gave an oral report on the Free Will Baptist California Bible Institute in Richmond.

Arvin League, representing Southern Association, pre-

sented a play entitled "Compassion for Souls."

Lowell Moore, Sponsor, presented the program trophy to the Lawndale League, West Coast Association, for the best play.

Dismissed in prayer.

## REPORTS

### Finance Committee:

- No. 1. We recommend that \$40 be sent to the State Association to print the minutes of this convention with the State Association minutes.
- No. 2. We recommend that each Associational Rally represent with 50c per capita member.
- No. 3. We recommend that we contribute \$50 to the College Kitchen Campaign which is the National League Project.
- No. 4. We recommend that this convention adopt and urge each subordinate rally and individual leagues to adopt and support as our State League Convention Project "Library for California Bible Institute." We further recommend that this convention begin the project with a gift of \$50.
- No. 5. We recommend that each League represent with \$10 in addition to the 50c per member.

### Resolution Committee:

- No. 3. Be it resolved that the officers be authorized to invite Rev. Ray Turnage to meet with us in the next State Rally and that this Rally pay his expenses.
- No. 4. Be it resolved that this body go on record as being opposed to patronizing places of business that distribute obscene literature.
- No. 5. Be it resolved that we give a standing vote of thanks to the Southern Association for their part in the program and the many hours of preparation that went into making this program.

### Registration Committee:

There was a grand total of 434 registered for the 1959 State League Convention.

Rev. Gene Rogers, President

Barbara Sharp, Rec. Sec.

## WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

### Officers

President.....	Mrs. Opal O'Donnell 3611 Andrade Avenue, Richmond, California
Vice President.....	Mrs. Cleo Doss P. O. Box 724, Kerman, California
Recording Secretary.....	Mrs. Wanda Rogers 1302 West Sonora Street, Tulare, California
Corres. Secretary and Treasurer.....	Mrs. June Rolen 815 Orange Street, Fresno, California
Youth Auxiliary Chairman.....	Mrs. Zella Ramsey 349 Shasta Street, Kerman, California
Study Course Chairman.....	Mrs. Goldie Priest 836 Ventura Avenue, Richmond, California
Stewardship-Prayer Chairman.....	Mrs. Ruth Holsmeyer 12613 Ross Avenue, Chino, California
Personal Service Chairman.....	Mrs. Bea Dudley 710 William Way, Concord, California

### — P R O C E E D I N G S —

The eleventh annual session of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention met with the Tulare Free Will Baptist Church April 11, 1959, with Mrs. Zella Ramsey, President, presiding.

The meeting was opened with singing "In the Service of the King" led by Mrs. Marjorie Winters, Calwa, accompanied by Mrs. Sue Lindsey, of Kerman.

Invocation by Mrs. Winnie McLain, Selma.

The welcome address was given by Mrs. Adele Ice, Tulare.

The response was given by Mrs. Florene Sharp, Kerman.

The thought for the day was offered by Mrs. Goldie Priest of Richmond, using Psalms 28:2.

The president was given power to appoint the following committees:

#### CREDENTIALS

Wanda Rogers  
Florene Sharp  
Mae Mooneyham  
Ruth Holmesley

#### NOMINATING

Loreca McCage  
Fern McAlister  
Oleta Ryan  
Peggy Robertson

#### RESOLUTION

Winnie McLain  
Annabell Long  
Georgia Reynolds  
Bea Dudley

#### OBITUARY

Ruth Rolen  
Lucille Boyle  
Hazel Letsinger  
Johnny Jenkins

## FINANCE

June Rolen  
Opal O'Donnell  
Cleo Doss  
Lucille Hampton

## REGISTRATION

Vida Fry  
Virginia Hupp  
Corene Hatcher

The minutes of the 1958 convention were read and accepted.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Individual recording secretary and treasurer's reports were given and accepted.

Congregation sang "Praise Him" followed by prayer by Mrs. Mabel Franklin, Porterville.

Greetings from the Woman's National Auxliary Convention were given by Mrs. Eunice Edwards, W.N.A.C. Executive Secretary of Nashville, Tennessee, in a very challenging manner.

The Southern Association Woman's Choir sang "Nothing But the Blood" and "He Bought My Soul at Calvary," led by Miss Betty Ann Fry of Tulare, and accompanied by Mrs. Wanda Rogers, Tulare.

Mrs. Paul Purcell of Torrance, California, delivered the morning message, using as her text I Corinthians 15:51-58, "Steadfast for Service."

Benediction by Mrs. Hazel Letsinger, Porterville.

## Afternoon Session

Opened with singing "Higher Ground."

Prayer by Mrs. June Rolen, Calwa.

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

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

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

A moment of silent prayer was observed, followed with audible prayer by Rev. E. E. Morris of Modesto.

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

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

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

Motion carried to have the next Auxiliary Convention at

the Kerman Free Will Baptist Church the second Saturday in April, April 9, 1960.

Motion carried that auxiliary members at the National Convention place their names on our letter at that time as delegates to said convention.

An offering in the amount of \$84.36 was received and presented to Rev. and Mrs. Paul Purcell of Torrance.

Installation of officers was conducted by Mrs. Winnie McAlin of Selma. Dedicatory prayer by Mrs. Eunice Edwards of Nashville, Tennessee.

Benediction by Rev. George McLain of Selma.

## **REPORTS**

### **Credentials Committee:**

We, the Credentials Committee, report that the letters from each association have been approved as being in order.

### **Registration Committee:**

There were 34 members present from the Golden Gate Association, 45 from Southern Association, 33 from Center Association, 2 from West Coast Association, 38 visitors present and 15 ministers and deacons present, making a total of 167 who registered.

### **Obituary Committee:**

We, the Obituary Committee, report that the Lord has called one member from our midst, Sis. Myrtle Titsworth of Lamont.

### **Finance Committee:**

1. We recommend \$40.00 be paid the State Association for the printing of our minutes.
2. We recommend that each district convention send \$15.00 for the feeding of delegates.
3. We recommend that each auxiliary in the State send \$5.00 to the State for State expenses.

### **Resolution Committee:**

1. In view of the quantity and availability of much obscene and indecent literature, we urge that the Auxiliary make special efforts to help in establishing Church libraries in order to make good books available to the youth of the Churches.
2. Be it resolved that an Extension Circle be formed in



each local auxiliary where needed, for shut-ins that they may have the opportunity to participate in auxiliary work.

3. Be it resolved that our Youth Chairman promote the Essay and Declamation Contents as suggested by the National Convention.
4. Be it resolved that we give the Tulare Church and the Southern Association a standing vote of thanks for their splendid hospitality.

### Nominating Committee:

We recommend the following officers for the coming year:

President.....	Mrs. Opal O'Donnell
Vice President.....	Mrs. Cleo Doss
Recording Secretary.....	Mrs. Wanda Rogers
Corres. Secretary and Treasurer.....	Mrs. June Rolen
Youth Auxiliary Chairman.....	Mrs. Zella Ramsey
Study Course Chairman.....	Mrs. Ruth Holsmeyer
Personal Service Chairman.....	Mrs. Bea Dudley

### Treasurer's Report

April 12, 1958 to April 11, 1959

Balance brought forward.....\$ 21.88

Received:

Center Association Dues.....	\$ 15.20
Golden Gate Dues.....	29.80
Golden Gate Feeding.....	15.00
West Coast Dues.....	7.80
West Coast Feeding.....	15.00
Southern Dues .....	23.00
Southern Feeding.....	15.00
Golden Gate pre-Easter Offering for foreign missions .....	12.23
Santa Paula's quota for Mission station in Africa .....	14.00
For Mission Station in Africa, \$5.00 from each of the following: Corcoran, Arvin, Tulare, Village Chapel, First Modesto, North Modesto, Selma, Kerman, Porterville, Richmond, Bakersfield, Calwa, Visalia, Turlock, Salinas, North Fresno	80.00
From Golden Gate Association for deficit in Treasury .....	15.00
From Golden Gate Association for Student Loan Fund.....	15.97
From Southern Association for deficit in Treasury .....	16.86
From Lamont Church for Student Loan	



Fund .....	15.00
Golden Gate Association offering for Arizona-Mexico Mission Bus.....	14.60
Blythe for Mission in Africa.....	5.00
From Selma for Student Loan Fund.....	17.00
From Tulare for Student Loan Fund.....	21.00
From Center Assn. for Japan project.....	72.00
From Calwa Church for Student Loan Fund .....	10.00
From Visalia for State Home Missions (pre-Thanksgiving) .....	11.00
From Golden Gate for California Bible Institute for library books.....	20.08
From Golden Gate Association for Japan Project .....	198.00
From Golden Gate for pre-Thanksgiving Home Missions .....	67.58
From Southern for Japan Project.....	162.00
From Richmond pre-Christmas for Na- tional Home Missions.....	20.00
From Golden Gate for pre-Easter week of prayer .....	159.40
Total Received .....	\$1,031.52
Total to be accounted for.....	\$1,053.40
Disbursements:	
Calwa Church (host for 1958).....	\$ 45.00
W.N.A.C. Dues at 10c per member.....	38.10
W.N.A.C. French West Africa Mission Station .....	440.20
California State Association, printing of minutes .....	40.00
Barbara Sharp, Declamation contestant..	10.00
Delores Elam, Declamation contestant....	5.00
Delma Wright, Declamation contestant..	2.50
W.N.A.C. Foreign Missions from Rich- mond .....	12.23
W.N.A.C. Student Loan Fund from Golden Gate .....	15.97
Wanda Rogers, phone call.....	1.00
W.N.A.C. Student Loan Fund from Lamont .....	15.00
Arizona-Mexico Mission Bus Funda from Golden Gate .....	14.60
Arizona-Mexico Mission from Southern....	21.52
W.N.A.C. Student Loan Fund from Tulare .....	21.00
W.N.A.C. for Japan Project from Center	72.00
W.N.A.C. for Student Loan Funda from Calwa .....	10.00
State Home Missions from Visalia pre- Thanksgiving .....	11.00

California Bible Institute for library books from Golden Gate.....	20.08
W.N.A.C. for Japan Project from Golden Gate .....	198.00
State Home Missions from Golden Gate Gate pre-Thanksgiving .....	67.58
W.N.A.C. for Japan Project from Southern .....	72.00
W.N.A.C. for Japan Project from Southern .....	54.00
W.N.A.C. for National Home Missions from Richmond pre-Christmas.....	20.00
W.N.A.C. for Student Loan Fund from Selma .....	17.00
W.N.A.C. for Japan Project from Southern .....	36.00
Postage and stationery.....	4.13
W.N.A.C. Foreign Missions from Golden Gate pre-Easter week of prayer.....	159.40
Total Disbursed .....	\$1,038.11
Balance in Treasury.....	15.29
Total Amount Accounted For.....	\$1,053.40

## 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 know 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 one delegate per each fifty members.

## 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.

#### **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."