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*Nineteenth  
Annual Session  
California State  
Association of  
Free Will Baptists*

Convened at The  
**FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**BALDWIN PARK, CALIFORNIA**  
**June 27, 28, 29, 1962**

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The next session will convene with the Richmond Free Will Baptist Church, 17th and Lincoln Avenue, Richmond, California, on Wednesday night after the fourth Sunday in June, 1963. (June 26-28, 1963)

## OFFICERS

Moderator \_\_\_\_\_ Rev. Edward Johns  
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 Phone HO 4-9975 — 1825 W. Acacia St., Stockton, Calif.  
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 Phone AM 6-5589 — 815 Orange St., Fresno 2, Calif.  
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 LA 3-6595 or LA 4-0129 — 1045 11th St., Modesto

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Lonnie McAlister \_\_\_\_\_ 5 Years  
 314 Monroe, Taft, Calif. Phone RO 5-6428  
 Rev. DeArthur Yandell \_\_\_\_\_ 4 Years  
 1302 W. Sonora, Tulare, Calif. Phone MU 6-7852  
 Rev. Robert Leeds \_\_\_\_\_ 3 Years  
 6048 Seville St., Huntington Park, Calif. Phone 582-9309  
 Rev. Claudie Hames \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Years  
 313 Vandebilt, Oxnard, Calif. Phone HU 3-4819  
 Rev. Jack Dodson \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Year  
 1726 Lincoln Ave., Richmond, Calif. Phone BE 5-6966

## MISSION BOARD

Rev. James Franklin \_\_\_\_\_ 5 Years  
 5991 Gallant, Bell Gardens, Calif. Phone 862-4723  
 Rev. E. E. Morris (Chairman) \_\_\_\_\_ 4 Years  
 782 Orange St., Arvin, Calif. Phone SP 4-5909  
 Rev. Carl Young (Treasurer) \_\_\_\_\_ 3 Years  
 1700 Ely Road, Petaluma, Calif. Phone PO 3-1865  
 Rev. Earl Jenson \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Years  
 Turlock, Calif.  
 Rev. Ted Davis \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Year  
 601 "C" St., Turlock, Calif. Phone ME 4-6440

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

Rev. Francis Boyle \_\_\_\_\_ 5 Years  
 8782 Lampson Ave., Garden Grove, Calif. Ph. 539-7260  
 Rev. E. B. Condit \_\_\_\_\_ 4 Years  
 930 Exchange St., Bakersfield, Calif.  
 Rev. Gene Rogers \_\_\_\_\_ 3 Years  
 P. O. Box 724, Kerman, Calif. Phone VI 6-8228  
 Rev. F. A. McCage \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Years  
 915 Acacia, Modesto, Calif. Phone LA 2-6603

Rev. Clinton Wood \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Year  
6200 W. Harlan, Riverdale, Calif. Phone TO 7-3262

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD**

Rev. Herbert J. Rogers \_\_\_\_\_ 5 Years  
235 No. 10th St., Santa Paula, Calif. Phone JA 5-3774

Rev. Paul Lee \_\_\_\_\_ 4 Years  
P. O. Box 683, Hughson, Calif., Phone TU 3-2470

Rev. Charles Flynn \_\_\_\_\_ 3 Years  
232 Dawn Drive, Modesto, Calif., Phone LA 4-1388

Rev. Riley Haskins \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Years  
13531 Palm, Baldwin Park, ED 7-7131

Mr. Bill G. Hoover \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Year  
4022 Farrin, Fresno, Calif., Phone BA 2-3956

### **LEAGUE BOARD**

Rev. Merl Erickson \_\_\_\_\_ 5 Years  
1035 San Pablo, Fresno, Calif. Phone 268-6895

Rev. Lloyd Reddick \_\_\_\_\_ 4 Years  
13230 Linden Lane, Blythe, Calif.

Rev. Don Robirds \_\_\_\_\_ 3 Years  
779 El Patio, El Sobrante, Calif.

Mr. Delmerr Sharp \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Years  
P. O. Box 51, Kerman, Calif., Phone VI 6-8586

Rev. Joe Mooneyham \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Year  
1825 N. Central, Ceres, Calif., Phone KE 7-0997

### **BOOKSTORE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Mr. Edgar Floyd \_\_\_\_\_ 5 Years  
340 Rowland Ave., Modesto, Calif.

Rev. Lonnie L. Rolen \_\_\_\_\_ 4 Years  
815 Orange St., Fresno 2, Calif., Phone AM 6-5589

Rev. Don Farris \_\_\_\_\_ 3 Years

Rev. Boyd Allen \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Years  
819 Acacia, Sunnyvale, Calif., Phone RE 6-8489

Mr. Leroy Burger \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Year  
925 Dover, Modesto, Calif., Phone KE 7-2776

### **AUDITING COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Wanda Rogers \_\_\_\_\_ 3 Years  
P. O. Box 724, Kerman, Calif. Phone VI 6-8228

Rev. Harold Talley \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Years  
Box 1454, Shafter, Calif.

Mrs. Reba Kirk \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Year  
1733 Lois Way, Ceres, Calif. Phone KE 7-0353

## PROCEEDINGS

### Wednesday Evening Service

The Nineteenth Annual Session of the California State Association of Free Will Baptists opened with singing "Revive Us Again" led by Rev. Teddy Davis, Turlock, accompanied by Mrs. Harold Phillips.

Prayer by Rev. Edward Johns, Ontario.

The Association was called into session by the Assistant Clerk, Mrs. June Rolen, who introduced the Moderator, Mr. Pete Conner.

Mr. Billie Christensen, Baldwin Park, read II Peter 1:18-19 for devotional reading.

Committee on Committees was appointed as follows: Rev. Paul Lee, Rev. Lonnie Rolen, Rev. E. E. Morris, and Rev. James Franklin.

Jewel Ferrell and Anita Baxley, Artesia, duet sang "Someone to Care."

Rev. Don Robirds, Richmond, sang "No One Ever Cared For Me Like Jesus" accompanied by Mrs. Rosalee Thomas.

Duet - Juanita and Linda Christensen sang "What A Day That Will Be."

Mr. Bob Thomas, President of State Masters Men brought the message using Job 14:1-6 as his text and "Man's Limitations" as his subject.

Rev. Riley Haskins, host pastor, announced a list of recommended motels and restaurants.

Dismissed by Rev. J. E. Yandell, Bell Gardens.

### Thursday Morning Session

Services opened by singing "Blessed Assurance" led by Rev. Ted Davis accompanied by Mrs. Harold Phillips.

Rev. Lonnie McAlister, Taft, gave the devotional from Psalms 34:1-9. Prayer by Rev. Claude Hames, Oxnard.

Moderator Pete Conner spoke from Hebrews 10:24 as he admonished the convention.

Rev. Francis Boyle, Garden Grove, welcomed the Statet Association to West Coast ssociation and Baldwin Park Church. Response was given by Rev. Jack Dodson, Richmond.

Motion carried to adopt program with time element flexible.

Pulpit Committee was appointed by Committee on Committees. Those appointed were Rev. Riley Haskins, Mrs. Hester Bowser, and Mr. Harold Phillips.

Pulpit Committee reported Rev. Jack Dodson would bring eleven o'clock message.

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

Rev. A. B. Talbert spoke concerning the organization of first California State Association and the progress that has been made since that time.

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

Letters from National Home Mission Board and National Foreign Mission Board were read by clerk.

Motion carried to record in minutes that letters from National Missions Boards were received and read but not record context of greetings.

Mr. Lorjn D. Doss of Crusades Bible Study was introduced by Moderator.

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

Dismissed by Rev. Gene Rogers, Kerman.

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

Services opened by singing "All Hail the Power," led by Don Robirds, accompanied by Mrs. Harold Phillips.

Prayer by Rev. Joe Mooneyham, Ceres.

Artesia Trio sang "Heavenly Love."

Don Eslinger sang "Will It Do Precious Lord?"

Solo "Follow Me" by Don Robirds.

Rev. Jack Dodson, Richmond, brought the message using Ephesians 1:15-23 as his text, "Wisdom of God" as his subject.

Dismissed by Rev. John Chandler, El Sobrante.

### **Thursday Afternoon Session**

Services opened with singing "Jesus Saves" led by Rev. Ted Davis accompanied by Rev. Ted Wilbanks, No. Fresno.

Devotional — Acts 3:1-6 was given by Rev. Odes Farries, Concord. Prayer by Rev. A. B. Talbert.

Rev. Riley Haskins, Pastor of Baldwin Park Church, introduced Mr. Best, Chief of Police of Baldwin Park, who welcomed the convention to the city.

Mrs. Mary Moore was selected to assist Mrs. Reba Kirk on the Auditing Committee in the absence of the other two members of the committee.

An oral report of Master's Men was given by President Bob Thomas.

Report of Executive Board was given by Rev. Jack Dodson. Motion carried to strike last four paragraphs from report. Motion carried to accept report. (See Reports)

Report of Sunday School Board was given by Rev. Charles

Flynn. Motion carried to accept report.

Report of League Board was given by Don Robirds. Motion carried to accept report. (See Reports)

Report of Mission Board was given by Rev. Carl Young. Motion carried to accept report.

Report of Board of Christian Education was given by Rev. Gene Rogers and report of California Bible Institute was given by Rev. Dean Moore. Motion carried to accept reports.

Motion carried that the following constitutional change be placed on the table — "Board members and executive secretary be elected immediately after their reports are given."

Resolutions Nos. 1, 2, and 3 were read and placed on the table.

Motion carried to adjourn until 9:00 a.m. Friday.

Dismissed by Rev. A. B. Talbert.

### **Thursday Evening Service**

Services opened by singing "Revive Us Again" led by Rev. Ted Davis accompanied by Rev. Ted Wilbanks.

Prayer by Rev. Gene Rogers.

California Bible Institute Quartet sang several songs and gave their testimonies.

Rev. DeArthur Yandell brought the devotion from 1 Peter 4:7-11.

Mrs. Juanita Christensen and daughter Linda sang "One by One."

Rev. F. A. McCage, Modesto, brought the message using 1 Peter 1:1-9 as his text and "Some of the Reasons Why I Am a Christian" as his subject. Rev. McCage called for an altar of prayer to petition for a revival spirit in churches in California.

Institute Quartet sang "When I'm Alone" and "Led By the Master's Hand." Pulpit Committee reported Rev. DeArthur Yandell would bring Friday eleven o'clock message.

An offering of \$64.35 was received for California Bible Institute.

Dismissed by Rev. Claudie Hames.

### **Friday Morning Session**

Services opened by singing "Heavenly Sunlight" led by Rev. Ted Davis accompanied by Mrs. Harold Phillips.

Devotional from Matthew 5:11-12 was given by Rev. Charles Flynn, No. Modesto.

Motion carried to adopt the constitutional change "Board members and executive secretary be elected immediately after their reports are given."

Report of Executive Secretary was given by Rev. Winston Lawless. Motion carried to accept report.

Motion carried to remove Resolution No. 1 from table and adopt same. (See Reports)

Motion carried to elect by acclamation Rev. Winston Lawless as Executive Secretary.

Motion carried to give a standing vote of thanks to Mrs. Winston Lawless, Virginia Lawless, and Mrs. Reba Kirk.

Report of Bookstore was given by Mrs. Reba Kirk. Motion carried to receive report.

Motion carried all vacancies on boards be filled at present time.

Motion carried to elect Rev. Lonnie McAllister by acclamation to five-year term on executive board.

Motion carried that Rev. James Franklin be elected by acclamation to a five-year term on Mission Board.

Rev. Ted Davis was elected as one-year member on Mission Board to fill the unexpired term of Rev. Wiley Gregory who had moved to another state.

Rev. Francis Boyle was elected as five-year member of Christian Education Board.

Rev. Herbert Rogers was elected as five-year member of Sunday School Board.

Rev. Merl Erickson was elected as five-year member of League Board.

Mr. Edgar Floyd was elected as five-year member of Bookstore Board of Trustees.

Mrs. Wanda Rogers was elected by acclamation as a three-year member of Auditing Committee.

Report of Centralization Treasurer was given by Rev. Dean Moore. Motion carried to accept the report with a recommendation to State League Convention, that this fund be depleted and funds in treasury be transferred to Board of Education and \$5400.00 Note Payable also be paid to Board of Education.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Dismissed by Rev. Clinton Wood.

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

Services opened by singing, "Come Unto Me" led by Rev. Don Robirds.

Prayer by John Chandler.

Congregation sang "Higher Ground."

Prayer by Rev. Joe Monneyham.

Rev. Ted Wilbanks sang "I'd Rather Have Jesus."

### Friday Afternoon

Service opened by singing "When We All Get To Heaven" led by Charles Wood accompanied by Ted Wilbanks.

Prayer and devotional from Gal. 1 was given by Rev. Joe Mooneyham.

Delegates to National Association were appointed as follows: Ruth Morris, Allyne Lawless, Mrs. Paul Lee, Imogene Faries, Virginia Lawless. Alternates: June Rolen, Wanda Rogers.

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

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

Report of Obituary Committee was read and accepted and a moment of silent prayer was followed with prayer by Rev. E. E. Morris. (See Reports)

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

Report of State Treasurer was given by Mr. Delmer Priest. Motion carried to accept report. (See Reports)

Motion carried that Resolutions 2 and 3 be brought from the table for consideration. Motion carried that Resolutions Nos. 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7 were adopted. (See Reports)

Report of Finance Committee was read and recommendations Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7 were adopted. (See Reports)

Motion carried to give Virginia Lawless \$25.00 in appreciation for her work in the bookstore.

Motion carried that Executive Board when filing Articles of Incorporation name the National Association of Free Will Baptists as primary beneficiary in case of dissolution.

Finance Committee recommendation No. 5 was carried. (See Reports)

Motion carried that Executive Secretary be paid \$143.00 expense per month and \$80.00 per week salary.

Motion carried that Assistant Moderator be given \$15.00.

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

Rev. Jerry Dudley requested that the association elect a proxy for him for this session of the General Board. Rev. E. E. Morris was elected. Motion carried that Rev. E. E. Morris be recommended to National Association to serve as a member of General Board.

Motion carried that Moderator appoint a Program Committee. Those appointed were Rev. Jack Dodson, Chairman, Rev. Dean Moore, Odes Faries.

Rev. Francis Boyle was elected as Keynote Speaker for 1963 session and Rev. Carl Young as alternate.

Motion carried that the following recommendation be made to National Association:

1. "No member of any standing board or commission shall succeed himself.

2. No employee of any agency of the National Convention shall be permitted to hold office in the National Convention while so employed."

Officers for 1963 were elected as follows:

Moderator: Rev. Edward Joyns

Assist. Moderator: Rev. Jerry Dudley

Clerk and Treasurer: Mr. Delmer Priest

Asst. Clerk and Treasurer: Mrs. June Rolen.

Motion carried that the recommendations (concerning board members) made to the National Association also apply to California.

Resolution No. 8 was read and accepted. (See reports)

Motion carried to adjourn.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Delmer Scroggins.

### **COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES**

Paul Lee, Golden Gate

Lonnie Rolen, Center

E. E. Morris, Southern

James Franklin, West Coast

#### **Resolution**

Jerry Dudley

Charles Flynn

Claudie Hames

DeArthur Yandell

Carl Young

#### **Finance**

Jack Dodson

Odes Faries

Gene Rogers

Lonnie McAlister

Bob Leeds

#### **Publication**

Winston Lawless

John Reel

Paul Lee

#### **Placement**

Lonnie Rolen

Teddy Davis

Riley Haskins

#### **Temperance**

Don Robirds

Francis Boyles

Herbert Rogers

#### **Obituary**

Rev. Joe Mooneyham

Mrs. Mabel Franklin

Mrs. Alma Johns

#### **Pulpit**

Rev. Riley Haskins

Mrs. Hester Bowser

Harold Phillips

## **Resolutions Committee**

1. Be it resolved that the tenure of the Executive Secretary be two years with all other constitutional stipulations of duties remaining the same.

2. Be it resolved that this Association interpret and affirm the treatise position concerning the observance of the Gospel Ordinance be:

1. Baptism be by immersion of believers only in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

2. The Lord's Supper, an ordinance that shall be observed in accordance with our historical practice at night only and in conjunction with the third ordinance, which is:

3. Feet washing, an ordinance to be observed following the Lord's Supper.

3. Be it resolved that the California State Association recommend to the National Association:

1. That the National Association affirm its historical position of the three (3) Gospel ordinances.

2. The separate Mission Boards as we now have them, be consolidated by the creation of a Mission Department.

4. Be it resolved that this Association select a Keynote Speaker for the introductory message.

6. Be it resolved that the Executive Board consummate Incorporation of the State Association.

7. Be it resolved that the Board of Education name the Calif. State Association as primary beneficiary in event of dissolution.

8. Be it resolved that a standing vote of thanks be given Baldwin Park Church for the hospitality shown during this convention.

## **Report of Executive Board**

On June 30, 1961, the Executive Board met immediately following the adjournment of State Association and elected Rev. Jack Dodson as Chairman and Rev. Lonnie McAlister as Clerk. The signs at Needles and the one in Northern part of the state were discussed and Rev. Edward Johns was chosen to maintain the one at Needles and Rev. Bob Riddle the one in the Northern part of the state. Six cents per mile will be paid for maintaining the signs.

## **California State League Board Report**

The California State League Board met in the North Fresno Free Will Baptist Church in March, 1962, in an advisory

capacity for the state league officers in the planning of the 1962 state league rally. Brother Jesse Dunn, president of the state league, presided at the meeting. There were four members of the board present.

Some members of the board met at the state league rally, with a specially appointed committee, to discuss the problems of the rally. This group will meet in a special session September 1.

### **Publication Committee**

1. We recommend the 1500 minutes be printed.

2. We recommend that we continue the printing of the Voice, and urge every pastor to encourage his church to subscribe to it.

### **Temperance**

We, the Temperance Committee, submit the following report: "And everyman that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things . . . " 1 Cor. 9:25.

We recommend that a greater emphasis than ever before be placed on the separation of the Christian from the world. Paul exhorted us to " . . . be not conformed to the world: but be ye transformed . . . " (Rom. 12:2). Also, we are exhorted to " . . . Come out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord . . . " 11 Cor 6:17.

We recommend that every Christian be more conscious of their appearance, which may seem evil, as well as the appearance of evil. "Abstain from all appearance of evil."

We recommend that greater emphasis be placed with our young people regarding non-Christian marriage: "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers . . . " 11 Cor. 6:14.

### **Obituary Committee**

We, the obituary committee, report that the Lord has called twenty-one (21) members from our midst.

Golden Gate	_____7
Center	_____2
Southern	_____6
West Coast	_____6
Total	21

## Placement Committee

In reply to the request of the Golden Gate Association, we recommend that the 1963 session of the California State Association be sent to Richmond, California, 17th and Lincoln St., Richmond, Calif.

Lonnie Rolen  
Riley Haskin  
Teddy Davis

## STATE TREASURER REPORT 1961-62

Brought forward 6-30-61 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 206.51

### RECEIPTS

Golden Gate Association _____	355.50	
Southern Association _____	289.50	
West Coast Association _____	191.00	
Center Association _____	169.25	
Women's Auxiliary _____	40.00	
State League _____	60.00	
Total _____		\$1311.76

### DISBURSED

Jack R. Dodson _____	\$ 9.50	
F. A. McCage _____	20.00	
National Association _____	30.00	
June Rolen _____	15.00	
Claudie Hames _____	113.70	
Winston Lawless _____	45.00	
June Rolen _____	2.00	
Shelbune's Stationery _____	13.33	
Jack R. Dodson (Phone call) _____	6.90	
Jack R. Dodson (Traveling) _____	9.60	
O. B. Pitman (Printing minutes) _____	100.00	
O. B. Pitman (Printing minutes) _____	177.68	
D. T. Priest (Mailing minutes) _____	8.50	
D. T. Priest (Clerk) _____	35.00	
Total _____		\$ 586.21
BALANCE _____		\$ 725.55

Respectfully submitted:

DELMER T. PRIEST

## Finance Committee

1. We recommend that \$30.00 be paid to the Moderator, \$45.00 be paid to the Clerk, and \$25.00 be paid to the Assistant Clerk.

2. We recommend that \$30.00 be sent to the National Association for Minutes.

3. We recommend that each Association send 25 cents per capita member to the 1963 session of the State Association.

4. We recommend that the state pay Rev. Winston Lawless \$100 on his expenses to the National Association.

5. We recommend that we pay Reba Kirk \$35.00 for this session.

6. We recommend that the State Association purchase two shares in the amount of \$100.00 in the National Headquarters Building in Nashville, Tennessee.

7. We recommend the cooperative plan be allocated as follows:

National Association	_____	30%
State Mission Board	_____	11%
Christian Education Board	___	25%
Promotional Department	___	32%
Sunday School Board	_____	2%

JACK DODSON, Chairman

## Auditing Committee

We, the State Auditing Committee, having audited the books of the Home Mission Board, Sunday School Board, Christian Education Board, Bible Bookstore, State Executive Secretary, Centralization Fund, and the general funds and have found all in good order.

REBA KIRK and MARY MOORE

## **LETTERS FROM ASSOCIATIONS**

(Statistics are on Statistical Report)

### **Golden Gate Association:**

To the California State Association when meeting at Baldwin Park, California, June 28-30, 1962.

At our annual session in May, the Richmond Church asked that in our state letter their name be placed asking that the 1963 session come to Richmond.

We send as delegates Virginia Lawless, Reba Kirk, Jeanne Marply, Jim McEwen and Eunice McEwen.

Amount sent with letter for expenses, \$440.00.

REV. F. A. McCAGE, Moderator  
Modesto, California

MRS. MAE GRAHAM, Clerk  
Turlock, California

### **Center Association**

To the California State Association when meeting at Baldwin Park, California, June 28-30, 1962.

Amount sent with letter for expenses, \$178.00.

REV. GENE ROGERS, Moderator  
Kerman, California

MRS. MARJORIE WINTERS, Clerk  
Fresno, California

### **Southern Association**

To the California State Association when meeting at Baldwin Park, California, June 28-30, 1962.

We send as delegates Roy Peterson, Rose McGibbons, Bonnie Peterson, Margie Schey, Thomas English, Corine Heathcock, Larry Curtis, Hardy Marshal, Lara Marshal, Adell Ice, Ester Thompson.

Amount sent with letter for expenses, \$255.25.

REV. HAROLD TALLEY, Moderator  
Shafter, California

DORIS WILSON, Clerk  
Wasco, California

## **West Coast Association**

To the California State Association when meeting at Baldwin Park, California, June 28-30, 1962.

We send as delegates Hester Bocaser, Gale Vandivort, Joyce Scoanner, Bernice Glaze, Dan Eslinger, Bill Adkinson, Peg Adkinson, Malcom Garrett, Billy Joe Farrell, Ruth Hill, Larry Williams, Norma Dixon, Jake DeGroat, J. B. Ledbetter, Johnny Hodges, Betty Gwinn, Anita Bailey, Glen D. Cummings, Delores Hart, Louise Scroggins, Gloria Hart, Shelia Breeding.

Amount sent with letter for expenses \$217.25.

REV. EDWARD JOHNS, Moderator  
Montclair, California

RUTH L. HOLMESLEY, Clerk  
Chino, California

## MINISTER'S ROLL

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 Talbert, A. B. \_\_\_\_\_ 416 N. Monterey, Ontario, YU 6-7028  
 Thurman, O. \_\_\_\_\_ 8875 S. Union, Bakersfield, TE 1-3639  
 Wilbanks, Ted \_\_\_\_\_ 5295 E. Rialto, Fresno \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Wood, J. C. \_\_\_\_\_ 6200 West Harlan, Riverdale, TO 7-3262  
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 Yandell, J. E. \_\_\_\_\_ 5903 Ludell St., Bell Gardens \_\_\_\_\_  
 Young, Carl K. \_\_\_\_\_ 1700 Ely Rd., Petaluma, PO 3-1865

### DEACONS ROLL

Boggs, M. R. \_\_\_\_\_ E. Lemon Av., Glendora, ED 5-3487  
 Christensen, Billy \_\_\_\_\_ 408 W. 3rd, San Dimas, LY 9-1059  
 Conner, Pete \_\_\_\_\_ 2540 Wimbledon, Napa BA 6-5921  
 Kemp, Rodney R. \_ 16455 W. Wilsen Av., Kerman, VI 6-9738  
 Priest, Delmer T., \_\_\_\_\_ 836 Ventura St., Richmond, 234-5489

## STATISTICAL REPORT OF SUBORDINATE ASSOCIATIONS

Associations	Golden Gate	Center	Southern	West Coast	Total
Total Offerings Received		\$42,933.47	\$76,426.35	\$107,753.33	\$227,113.15
Partors' Salary	\$ 61,281.99	19,732.42	27,744.84	30,285.82	139,045.07
Evangelistic Work	1,763.79	896.59	2,263.41	1,666.21	6,590.00
Building & Repair	47,389.20	15,465.28	14,001.73	21,066.36	97,922.57
Literature		2,076.35	3,401.24	5,611.76	11,089.35
Advertising		83.24	346.46	698.25	1,127.95
Miscellaneous	13,965.55	4,213.21	19,765.73	11,159.96	49,104.45
Total Local Expenditures	156,413.81	39,029.37	68,593.86	77,736.58	341,773.62
Cooperative Plan	9,057.14	1,546.14	4,243.48	4,153.65	19,000.41
Foreign Missions	(5,294.96)	874.30	442.52	368.21	6,979.99
Home Missions	(combined)	307.16	458.15	422.33	1,187.64
Education	764.06	45.00	594.89	16.62	1,420.57
Association Projects		955.00	442.23	1,741.81	3,139.04
State & National Projects			35.40		35.40
Other			1,216.75	191.48	1,308.23
Total Outside Expenditures	6,332.50	7,438.42	6,891.62	2,789.16	31,768.05
Value of Church Property	628,550.10	298,400.00	330,150.00	193,550.00	1,450,650.00
Value of Parsonage Property	88,000.00	73,000.00	57,000.00	21,500.00	239,500.00

## STATISTICAL REPORT OF SUBORDINATE ASSOCIATIONS

Association	Golden Gate	Center	Southern	West Coast	Total
Churches	32	10	17	15	74
Membership	1760	712	1025	869	4366
Ministers	46	24	34	32	136
Licensed Ministers		2	14	10	26
Deacons	84	29	59	37	209
Sunday Schools	32	10	17	15	74
Sunday School Enrollment	2,361	679	1303	1147	5490
Leagues	18	8	11	11	48
League Enrollment		103	155	332	590
Woman's Auxiliary	20	9	12	9	50
Auxiliary Enrollment		91	135	89	315
Master's Men	8	1	2	3	14
Prayer Meetings	32	10	17	15	74
G. T. A.'s		1		4	5
Parsonages	15	4	7	5	31
Members Resident		712	917	589	2118
Members Non-Resident		154	108	280	542
Members Received		134	157	208	499
Members Dismissed		73	197	111	381
Deceased	7	2	6	6	21

## STATE LEAGUE MINUTES

### 13th Annual Session

#### Friday Night Service

The 13th annual session of the California State League Convention met at the Tulare Memorial Auditorium, Tulare, California, April 27, 28, of 1962, with "Commission To Witness" at the rally theme.

President Jesse Dunn called the rally into session. "Onward Christian Leaguers," led by Ted Davis, accompanied by Linda Caton.

Service opened with the salute to the Flag. Ronnie Huckaby gave a talk on Patriotism.

Mary Moore favored us with a solo entitled "America The Beautiful."

Welcome address was given by Larry Curtis, Tulare. Response by alternate for Barbara Chesheir.

Led in prayer by Bro. Florence.

Motion carried to accept the program with the time to flexible.

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

Motion carried to accept the appointment of the Committee on Committees: Appointed as follows:

Don Eslinger	_____	West Coast
Edna Hatcher	_____	Center
Lowell Moore	_____	Southern
Thomas Jackson	_____	Golden Gate

The Center Association presented their program entitled "Built On A Rock."

Hymn Time led by Ted Davis accompanied by Linda Caton.

Special music b Don Eslinger and Mrs. Jesse Dunn, entitled "Do You Know My Jesus?"

Message of the hour: "Witness and Committed" — Acts 1:8; II Timothy 1:12 by Rev. Dean Moore.

Dismissed in prayer.

#### Saturday Morning Service

Service opened by singing "Jesus Saves."

Led in prayer by Bro. Gene Rogers.

Devotional reading Matt. 5:14-16 by Larry Williams.

Treasurer's report read and accepted.

Minutes of last year's convention read and accepted.  
Report of the Committee on Committees read and accepted  
by motion. (See reports)

Appointments of judges as follows:

Nuel Brown  
Lowell Moore  
Mable Franklin  
Delmer Sharp

Jerry Dudley made a talk concerning the League Convention  
As League Revision Committee was elected as follows:

Sis. Haynes, Bro. Garrett \_\_\_\_\_ West Coast  
Bro. McAlister, Larry Curtis \_\_\_\_\_ Southern  
Bro. Barrett, Bro. Gene Rogers \_\_\_\_\_ Center  
James Yarbrough, Jerry Dudley \_\_\_\_\_ Golden Gate

Motion made the State League Board work with the Revision Committee.

Golden Gate presented a musical program entitled. "Christian Growth and Witnessing."

Dismissed for Recess.

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

Services opened by singing "Power In The Blood."

Modesto Girls' Trio sang, "Stranger of Galilee."

C. B. I. Quartet sang "Wonderful," and "Led By The Master's Hand"

Rev. Edward Johns brought the message of the hour using John 1:43-51.

C. B. I. Quartet sang "Lord I'm Coming Home" for the invitation.

Bro. Faries dismissed in prayer

### **Saturday Afternoon Service**

"Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus," led by Ted Davis accompanied by Linda Caton.

Led in prayer by Bro. John Chandler.

Report of the Finance Committee read and accepted.

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)

Resolution Committee report read and accepted by motion.

Resolution No. 1 read and not accepted.

Resolution No. 2 read and accepted.

Acceptance of the Obituary Committee report observed by silent meditation and prayer.

State League Board report read and accepted.

Motion carried to have the 1963 State League Rally at the First Church of Modesto.

Motion carried to keep Revision Committee as appointed earlier in the rally.

Motion carried to accept the report of the Nominating Committee.

Officers elected as follows:

President—Nuel Brown, 315 S. Sunnyvale Ave., Sunnyvale

Vice President—Larry Curtis, 121 So. A St., Tulare, Calif.

Recording Secretary—Peggy Davis, 601 C St., Turlock, Calif.

Corresponding Secretary—Barbara Burdine, P.O. Box 51, Kerman, Calif.

Treasurer—Bobby Wilbanks, 5295 Rialto, Fresno, Calif.

Chorister — Ted Davis, 601 C St., Turlock, Calif.

Pianist — Linda Caton, Richmond, Calif.

Sponsor — Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mauldin, 3135 E. Date St., Porterville, Calif.

Sword Drill Leader—Gene Rogers, P.O. Box 51, Kerman, Calif.

Installation of new officers by Rev. Jack Dodson.

Special music by Pixley family "O, How I Love Jesus."

Program was given by West Coast Association.

Junior and Intermediate Sword Drill was conducted by Carl Cheshier.

The Dudley girls sang "The Touch of His Hand."

Southern Association presented their program entitled, "82 Years In The Dark."

Delmer Sharp, sponsor, presented awards to the junior Sword Drill winners. Gary Winters, and Kathy Bryant placing first, and second, respectively. The Intermediate Sword Drill winners, Phyllis Clark, and Larry Curtis, placing first and second respectively.

The Southern Association was presented the State Program Banner.

Motion carried to give the League Officers a standing vote of thanks.

Dismissed in prayer by Don Eslinger.

## **Reports**

### **Finance Committee**

1. Each leaguer in the State of California will pay as dues the State Association the sum of 40 cents.
2. We recommend that the State League Rally use as a project for the coming year, "Our C. B. I. Library."
3. We recommend that each association send \$25 and the State Association send \$75 for the C. B. I. Project.

### **Resolution Committee**

1. Be it resolved that our State Rally meet for all day Saturday and Sunday.
2. Be it resolved that the plays be disbanded, because of the time element.

### **Obituary Committee**

We, the Obituary Committee, report two of our leaguers' deaths the past year; Bro. L. G. Woods of West Coast, and Vern Quackenbush of Center Association.

### **State League Board**

We recommend that the State League Rally be moved from public auditorium back into our churches, and that the Rally alternate from association to association beginning with the Golden Gate Association with the 1963 session.

### **League Revision**

We the committee recommend that a study commission be named to meet and report its findings and recommendations. We further recommend that this commission be instructed to present a comprehensive Constitution for consideration.

### **Committee on Committees**

#### **Finance:**

Bobby Wilbanks  
Larry Curtis  
Don Haymes  
Ronnie Hickman  
Barbara Stiggins

#### **Resolution:**

J. B. Lawless  
Joyce Dunn  
Carl Cheshier  
Sandy Atckley

#### **Nomination:**

Clyde Robinson  
Janette Eslinger  
Ricky Richardson  
Newaline Cremeen

#### **Obituary:**

Doyce McAlister  
Louise Scroggins  
Vivian Sweeten  
Judy Wilson

## WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

### Officers

President \_\_\_\_\_ Goldie Priest  
836 Ventura, Richmond

Vice President \_\_\_\_\_ Cleo Doss  
251 Prospect, Porterville

Recording Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Wanda Williams  
3013 Caliente, Bakersfield

Corresponding Secretary & Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ June Rolen  
815 So. Orange, Fresno

Youth Auxiliary Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Ruth Walker  
1501 Placer, Modesto

Study Course Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Alma Johns  
5433 Orchard St., Montclair, Calif.

Stewardship-Prayer Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Betty Watson  
1108 N. Enos, Visalia

Personal Service Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Zella Ramsey  
349 Shasta, Kerman

### Proceedings

The 14th annual session of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the State of California met with the Kerman Free Will Baptist Church, April 14, 1962, with Goldie Priest, president, presiding.

The convention was opened with singing, "Come Thou Almighty King," and "I Am A Stranger Here," led by Georgia Reynolds, Kerman, accompanied by Wanda Rogers, Kerman.

Invocation by Rev. Gene Rogers, Kerman.

Welcome address by Wanda Rogers, Kerman.

Response to welcome by Imogene Belcher, Turlock.

The thought for the day was given by the State Stewardship-Prayer Chairman, Betty Watson, entitled "Why We Meditate," using Haggi I Verses 2-7 and Psalms 8: 3-9  
Prayer by Rev. E. E. Morris.

Motion carried that the president have power to appoint committees as follows:

**Credentials**

Mary Lou Swindell  
Lois Wells  
Alene Lawless

**Resolution**

Opal O'Donnell  
Florene Sharp  
Ruth Morris  
Mable Franklin

**Finance**

June Rolen  
Norma Stewart  
Pauline Session  
Alma Johns

**Obituary**

Margie Winters  
Doris Wilson  
May Mooneyham

**Registration**

Lydeen York  
Thula Ryan  
Louise Riddle  
Sister Clyde Caton

**Declamation Contest Judges**

Ruth Popejoy  
Winnie McLain  
Mary Moore

Nominating committee was elected as follows:

Wanda Rogers  
Wanda Nelson

Winnie McLain  
Reba Kirk

The treasurer's report was read and accepted. A report of the total gifts to W.N.A.C. was also given. Individual district treasurers' reports were read and motion carried to accept them.

State Youth Auxiliary Chairman, Ruth Walker, gave a talk on youth using Proverbs 27: 6 and Deuteronomy 6: 4-7. Zella Ramsey, Center Association Youth Auxiliary Chairman, introduced declamation contestant, Barbara Stiggins, who's topic was "You Ask Me Why," and essay contestant, Edna Hatcher, who's topic was "Family Altars."

Georgia Reynolds led the congregation in singing, "Jesus Is All The World to Me," and, "Love Divine."

Offertory prayer by Rev. Teddy Davis, Turlock.

Duet by Glen and Wanda Williams, Bakersfield, "Workshop of the Lord."

Solo by Mary Moore, "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow."

Rev. Daniel Cronk, Missionary to North India, delivered the morning message, "Why Preaching Is Important," using Acts 9: 31.

Benediction and blessing on the noon meal by Rev. O. H. Doss.

### Afternoon Session

The afternoon session was opened with congregation singing "Jesus Saves" and "Tell To All That God Is Love," directed by Georgia Reynolds.

Prayer by Imogene Faries.

Talk given by State Study Course Chairman, Zella Ramsey, "Why We Study."

Duet by Georgia Reynolds and Loretta Stevens, "All That I Need."

Individual district secretary reports were read and accepted.

Delegates to the National Association elected as follows: Doris Wilson, Ruth Morris, Wanda Rogers, Cleo Doss, Alene Lawless, Maxine Wagnor, Imogene Faries, Winnie McLain, Peggy Davis, Margaret Wood.

Motion carried that the 1963 convention meet with the Bakersfield Free Will Baptist Church, 2236 East California Avenue, Bakersfield.

Reports of the Credentials 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 by audible prayer by Hallie Wood, Modesto.

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

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

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

Motion carried to elect an auditing committee from our group to audit the treasurer's books. Those elected were: Reba Kirk, Wanda Rogers, Norma Stewart, Wanda Williams, and Mable Franklin.

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

Talk given by Rev. Gene Rogers, regarding finance of the California Bible College.

Duet by Louis Smith and Margie Winters, "Let Me Lose Myself and Find It Lord In Thee."

Installation of officers conducted by our first State President, Cleo Doss. Song, "Onward Christian Soldiers."

Dedicatory prayer by Peggy Davis.

Benediction by Winnie McLain.

## **Reports**

### **Credentials Committee**

We, the Credentials Committee, examined the letters and found them to all be in order and all dues have been paid.

### **Obituary Committee**

We, the Obituary Committee, report that the Lord has called Sister Norma Patrick, West Coast Association, Sister Maudie Duncan, Southern Association, and Graham Nevil, Center Association. We recommend that we have a moment of silent prayer in remembrance of these and for Sister Gladys Elliston of Nogales, who has departed from our midst.

### **Registration Committee**

We, the Registration Committee report the following present: Center Association, 32; Golden Gate Association, 45; West Coast Association, 4; Southern Association, 51; Total present 132.

### **Resolution Committee**

Be it resolved that the Treasurer have copies of her report of gifts through treasurer, to distribute at the convention.

Be it resolved that we give the host church a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality.

### **Finance Committee:**

1. We recommend each district send 20c per capita member and \$5.00 per capita auxiliary for convention expenses.

2. We recommend that \$7.50 be given the winner of the declamation contest.

3. We recommend that \$5.00 be given to the winner of the essay contest.

4. We recommend that \$50.00 be given the host church.

5. We recommend that \$40.00 be paid to the State Association for the printing of the Auxiliary minutes.

6. We recommend that \$30.00 be given to Rev. and Mrs. Dan Cronk as a personal gift.

7. We recommend that today's offering be given to Foreign Missions for India's account. (\$52.66)

8. We recommend that \$25.00 be made available to the declamation contest winner if she enters the National Declamation Contest.

9. We recommend that the State Project be \$2,500.00 to help build a Boy's Hostel in India.

10. We recommend that officers be reimbursed for expenses for postage, supplies, etc., and that 4c a mile, mileage be allowed for attending the executive meeting.

11. We recommend that we pay our treasurer \$35.00 for services.

### **Nominating Committee Report:**

President \_\_\_\_\_ Goldie Priest  
Vice President \_\_\_\_\_ Cleo Doss  
Recording Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Wanda Williams  
Corresponding Secretary & Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ June Rolen  
Study Course Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Alma Johns  
Stewardship Prayer Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Betty Watson  
Personal Service Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Zella Ramsey  
Youth Auxiliary Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Ruth Walker

Respectfully submitted

WANDA WILLIAMS

3013 Calient St., Bakersfield, Calif.

Recording Secretary

# **CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST**

## **CONSTITUTION**

### **PREAMBLE**

From long experience, we the members of the Free Will Baptist Denomination, being regularly baptized upon the profession of our faith in Christ, and realizing the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among us as an association of churches, and to preserve and maintain correspondence and coordination with us, do therefore, ordain this constitution for our better denominational government.

### **ARTICLE I — Name**

The name of this organization shall be the California State Association of Free Will Baptist.

### **ARTICLE II — Purpose**

The purpose of this organization shall be to coordinate and unify the efforts of its constituency in denominational efforts and polity for the primary cause of the evangelization of the State of California and to aid in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ unto the "uttermost parts of the earth."

### **ARTICLE III — Delegation**

Delegates to this Association shall consist of two (2) types of delegates. One shall be those defined as standing delegates and the other shall be those elected delegates representing the subordinate Associations and defined as the elected delegates.

1. Standing Delegates. Standing delegates shall be all of the ordained members of any Association being a constituent part of this Association, and in good standing with the Association of which they are members, their wives, all officers and members of standing boards of this Association and the unmarried widows of deceased ordained members.

2. Elected Delegates. Elected delegates shall be those delegates duly appointed or elected by the subordinate Association which they represent.

The delegation composing this body as described above shall in all cases be members in good standing in the subordinate Association from which they come.

Representation in this Association shall be by subordinate Associations. Each subordinate Association shall be entitled to

one (1) delegate per each fifty (50) members. Each subordinate Association shall represent by a letter giving all of the statistical information called for by this Association and listing all delegates representing them by name. This Association shall have have no power to fill vacancies in the delegation of any subordinate Association. Accompanying the letter of information shall be the representation fees as set by this Association. These letters and fees shall be received by a vote of the standing delegation and when received, the elected delegates shall then become voting delegates.

3. Standing delegates shall lose their status and not be recognized as voting delegates if they have moved from the territorial bounds of this Association. No ordained or their wife shall be recognized as voting members upon moving from the territorial bounds of this Association, or are not recognized as members in good standing in their local Association. No ordained or their wife shall be recognized as voting members upon into the territorial bounds of this Association, unless they have obtained a recommendation from the Association from which they came, and that Association by a member of the State or National Association.

#### **ARTICLE IV — Meetings**

This Association shall hold it's meetings annually. The date and place shall be decided upon at the previous meeting of this Association or shall be provided by this Association. In the event of an emergency, and no other provisions having been made by this Association, the officers and the Executive Board of this Association shall set the date and place of the annual setting.

#### **ARTICLE V — Officers and Boards**

The officers of this Association shall be:

1. A Moderator
2. An Assistant Moderator
3. A Clerk/Treasurer
4. An Assistant Clerk/Treasurer
4. An Executive Secretary

Each of these except Executive Secretary, in accordance with the following defined procedures, shall be elected at the closing session of this Association.

Committees, as necessary, shall be appointed or elected as this Association shall provide, and shall hold office until their work is completed or their successors are appointed.

Each Board, committee and officers meeting shall keep accurate minutes of their meetings and shall make these minutes available for reading at the request of the Association.

The standing Boards of this Association shall be:

1. An Executive Board
2. A Mission Board
3. A Board of Christian Education
4. A Sunday School Board
5. A Leagut Board
6. A Book Store Board of Trustees

Each of the above named Boards, and any other standing Boards as may be elected by this Association hereafter, shall be governed by the following stipulations.

Each Board shall be composed of five (5) members serving terms of one (1) to five (5) ylears so arranged that one member will be elected each year to a term of five (5) years. These members to be elected immediately after their reports are given.

Vacancies occuring on any Board shall come by reason of:

1. Resignation. Any member of any Board shall be allowed to resign at their pleasure.
2. Death. Any member of any Board passing from the stage of mortal life shall create a vacancy on the Board of which he is a member.
3. Dismissal. Any member of any Board may be dismissed by this Association for any unchristian conduct, for conduct detrimental to the general welfare of this Association. Any member who is declared out of fellowship or against whom charges of heresy or nonchristian conduct are being pressed in the subordinate Association of which he is a member, shall be suspended from active service on the Board of which he is a member, until the consumation of the charges made in the subordinate Association by which he is disciplined. If found guilty of charges as described above, he shall be dismissed from this Board and his position shall be declared vacant.
4. Removal from territorial bounds. Any member of any Board who moves to reside outside the territorial bounds of this Association shall be considered automatically dismissed from membership on the Board which he serves.
5. Failure to serve. Any member of any Board who shall fail to serve in the capacity allotted them shall upon approval by this Association, be dismissed from the Board on which he serves.

No member of this Association shall be allowed to serve on more than one standing Board at one time, nor shall any member serve as an officer and on any Board or standing committee at the same time.

### **Description of Duties:**

A. The Moderator. The moderator shall be chosen by the majority vote of the delegates present and voting at the closing of the session of this Association. To serve a term of one (1) year.

The duties of the Moderator are:

1. He shall be the presiding officer at all business sessions of this Association and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees and auxiliaries of this Association.
2. He shall maintain order in all business sessions and allow full and free debate on all issues, but recognize no one or allow debate by any demonstrating an unchristian spirit.

Parliamentary procedures guiding the Moderator shall be those defined in "Robert's Rules of Order."

B. The Assistant Moderator. The Assistant Moderator shall be chosen by the majority vote of the delegates present and voting at the closing of the session of this Association. To serve a term of one (1) year.

The duties of the Assistant Moderator are:

1. He shall assist the Moderator in all business sessions of this Association.
2. In the absence of the Moderator, the Assistant shall become the Moderator and be governed by the duties allotted the Moderator.
3. He shall serve as parliamentarian at all sessions of this Association.

C. The Clerk. The Clerk shall be elected by the majority vote of the delegates present, and voting at the closing of the session of this Association. To serve one (1) year. The duties of the Clerk are:

The Clerk of this Association shall keep a true and accurate record of the proceeding of the Association; and write them in a book set apart for that purpose; keep an accurate record of all officers and committees. The Clerk shall keep all papers and documents of this Association unless otherwise ordered and shall conduct all correspondence for the Association.

D. The Assistant Clerk. The Assistant Clerk shall be elected by the majority vote of the delegates present, and voting at the closing of the session of this Association. To serve one (1) year.

The duties of the Assistant Clerk are:

The Assistant Clerk of this Association shall assist the Clerk in recording the minutes of the proceedings of the Association and shall make themselves available to assist in any of the labors of the Clerk. In the absence of the Clerk, the Assistant Clerk shall become the Clerk and the duties of the Clerk shall then be applied to them.

E. The Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be elected by the majority vote of the delegates present, and voting at the closing of the session of this Association. To serve one (1) year.

The duties of the Treasurer are:

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer of this Association to receive and receipt for all money turned to him, or her, from whatever source contributions may be made to the Association, deposit the same in a bank or banks, as shall be designated by this Association. All bills and accounts owed by this Association shall be paid by check drawn against the Association account and signed by the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall give a report of all funds received and expended, and the report shall be accompanied by an accurate balance sheet of approved standards of accounting.

F. The Executive Secretary. The Executive Secretary shall be elected after his report is given. To serve two years. Be it understood that upon acceptance of this position, the Executive Secretary shall serve a minimum of six months, the sole exception being for reasons of health. In the event of his resignation, he shall give a minimum of sixty days notice. In the event of his dismissal he shall be given a sixty-day notice. In the event of resignation or disciplinary action, it shall become the duties of the officers of this Association, the State Executive Board and the Book Store Trustees to meet jointly to effect the dismissal and/or replace the Executive Secretary.

The Executive Secretary shall be responsible for the general promotion of all branches and departments of this Association. It shall be his duties to promote the

general welfare of the Association with regular reports of the work of the Association made to the general membership of this body. It shall be his duty to work closely with the Moderator in coordinating denominational efforts and making known by publication these efforts and their success.

The Executive Secretary shall serve as treasurer of the cooperative plan of support and shall disperse the receipts as directed by this Association. He shall make every effort to enlist all churches within the general framework of this Association to support the cooperative plan of support with a tithe, and shall promote each department or agency of the Association where designated offerings are needy or sought. All designated offerings received shall be forwarded to the agency to which they are directed.

He shall serve as manager of the Bible Book and Church Supply Stores until such time as this Association shall otherwise provide. From this vantage point, he shall promote sales of church supplies and shall endeavor to supply the full needs of the churches.

He shall serve as managing editor of "The Voice."

He shall make periodic visits to each subordinate Association, and there inform them of the progress of the overall work of this Association. Even though some other agencies may have executive secretaries, it shall be his duty to promote these agencies in the coordinated denominational effort.

- G. The Executive Board. The duties of the Executive Board shall be all of those duties normally assigned to an executive committee. These are interpreted to be that this Board shall, in the interim between sessions of this Association, act in behalf of the Association if necessity shall so demand. However, all actions of this Board shall be reported in writing at each session of this Association and shall be reviewed by that body. This Board shall stand liable to this body for discipline or dismissal from this Board for actions contrary to the general polity and intent of the Association and this constitution. No decision shall be rendered by this Board that will effect the Association that can be normally detained and decided by this body in session.

In cases of disputes arising from, or within, a subordinate Association, this Board shall serve as an arbitration

committee. This Board shall have no dictatorial powers whatsoever, but shall by arbitration attempt to settle such disputes as may be referred to it. If a satisfactory settlement cannot be executed by arbitration, this Board shall be limited to recommendation to this Association. It shall not issue a verdict or edict, that could, or would, supercede this Association in its decision.

This Board shall hear all disputes or questions of discipline, doctrine or practice that may properly come before it from any of the bodies composing this organization, or any appeal that may be made by any Association, church, or individual person which is a component part of this body. Said appeal shall have been made in writing and properly signed by the constituent body or bodies, making such appeal from the lower to the next higher body. This Board shall be limited to making recommendations to these affected parties and if not accepted by all concerned, shall refer the signed allegations to his Association in session for final action.

This Board shall keep accurate minutes of each meeting. These minutes shall be turned to the Clerk of this Association and be kept with the minutes of this Association.

- H. The Mission Board. The duties of the Mission Board shall be to labor to further the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the uttermost parts of the earth. In accomplishing this, they are to endeavor to establish missions and churches in communities within the bounds of this Association with whatever moral and financial assistance as may be theirs. Also, in cases of small churches failing to function, every assistance possible shall be rendered to maintain the effective witness of that church.

The promotion of missionary endeavors from a local, state, and national level of both home and foreign nature shall be the obligation of this Board. This Board shall assist in maintaining prayer and financial support to the entire missionary program of the denomination.

This Board shall orient itself and elect its own officers. This Board, being an agency of this Association, shall be empowered to have its own constitution and by-laws, which shall not be repugnant to this constitution or the general polity of this Association.

The Treasurer of his Board shall receive and receipt for all money coming to it from all sources. It shall be de-

posited in a bank, or banks, and all debts and accounts of this Board shall be paid by check drawn against this treasury and signed by the treasurer.

Accurate minutes shall be kept of all meetings of this Board, and shall be available for reading at the request of this Association. A complete report of all activities of this Board shall be made in writing to this Association while in session, with an accurate accounting of all receipts and disbursements made. An accurate balance sheet shall accompany these reports and shall be signed by the officers of this Board.

- I. The Board of Christian Education. The Board of Christian Education shall establish and promote a high standard of christian education within the framework of this Association. In the consummation of its duties, this Board shall promote a high level academic institution wherein fundamental, orthodox, evangelical training may be obtained by those availing themselves to higher education. The highest academic standard possible shall be attained and maintained. The doctrines of Free Will Baptist Church as defined in the "Treatise of Faith and Practice" shall be the guiding theological position of the institution. This Board shall orient itself and elect its own officers. It shall meet upon the call of its chairman at any time. This Board, being an agency of this Association, shall be empowered to have its own constitution and by-laws which shall not be repugnant to this constitution and the general polity of this Association.

The Treasurer of this Board shall receive and receipt all money coming from any source, and shall deposit it in a bank, or banks, where all accounts and debts of this Board shall be paid by check, drawn against the Board's account and signed by the Treasurer.

An accurate record shall be kept of all meetings of this Board, and shall be available for reading at the request of this Association. A complete report of the activities of this Board shall be made in writing to the annual session of his Association with an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements made. An accurate balance sheet shall accompany the reports and shall be signed by the Board.

This Board shall seek to work harmoniously with other denominational academic institutions.

J. The Sunday School Board. The Sunday School Board shall endeavor to establish and maintain a high standard Sunday School in each church within the structure of this Association. In accomplishing this, this Board shall offer incentive material for teacher training, attendance building, and general assistance to all Sunday Schools of this Association.

This Board shall devise and offer such materials as are acceptable to this Association to the Sunday Schools. This Board shall be so equipped as to be able to establish a high level, departmentalized Sunday School attendance and Bible study at every opportunity, and devise and execute such measures as are deemed appropriate and in harmony with the general polity and practice of this Association.

K. The League Board. The League Board is the only tie between the League Convention and this Association, thus the League Board shall officially represent this Association in the work of the leagues and their convention.

The League Board shall work closely with the leaders of the league convention and shall offer their directive guidance when necessary. They are not an authoritative Board to dictate policy to the league convention, but shall represent this Association to that convention.

This Board shall endeavor to establish leagues in all churches constituting this Association. They shall offer general assistance and devise such material for training our youth as shall be appropriate and in harmony with the general polity of this Association.

This Board shall gather an accumulated report of the league convention of this state, and shall make their report in writing at each annual session of this Association. Accompanying this report shall be a report of all activities of this Board. This Board shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings, and shall deposit these minutes with the Clerk of this Association, and shall be available for reading at the request of this Association.

L. The Book Store Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees of the Bible Book and Church Supply Store shall be responsible for the general oversight of the operations of store. This Board shall establish operating procedures that will govern the merchandising policies of the store. A complete accounting of the operations of the store shall be made at each annual session of this Association,

accounting for all purchases, sales, operating expenses and activities in writing. Included in this report shall be an account of all the activities of this Board and a Balance sheet from a competent accountant.

All operating procedures of the store shall be those accepted as normal retail procedures, but not repugnant to the general polity of this Association and the tenets of this constitution.

#### **ARTICLE VI — Church Government**

Government of this Association shall be congregational in form and democratic in its practice. Congregational church government to be defined as: "The local church is an independent body, as far as it relates to its own government, the transaction of its business. The choice of its officers and the disciplining of its members. The local church holds the deed to its own property and is responsible for its own financial obligations and there is no authority by any ecclesiastical power that can revert or change the decision of the local church. When a majority of a congregation, in regular conference votes for or against, their decision cannot be reversed by any other authority. However, an appeal may be made by common consent to the next highest authority which is the quarterly meeting. If the minority is still dissatisfied, the next appeal is to the district association. The next appeal is to the state association and if dissatisfied by the state's decision, then their next and final appeal is to the National Association of Free Will Baptists. None of these can change the decision of the church but may recommend.

If the higher authorities are dissatisfied with the ruling of the majority, they may withdraw the hand of fellowship from the local church but it still leaves the local congregation in full charge of the church property and cannot interfere with its decisions any further."

#### **ARTICLE VII — Discipline**

This Association shall have the right and authority to discipline its members and shall be recognized as the highest ecclesiastical tribunal within the State of California for Free Will Baptist.

#### **ARTICLE VIII — Amendments**

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the delegates present and voting at any session of this association, provided that all proposed amendments are presented in writing to the Association one (1) day in advance of action upon the proposed amendments.

## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. Introductory sermon.
2. House call to order by Moderator.
3. Letter 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 seat 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 association unless it has first been discussed in its own association.
12. At each Association arrangement 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.

## CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant. We promise by His Grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from 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 scripture, secret prayer, family devotion, and social worship, and self denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow" in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ." We will not forsake 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 hold Christian principles sacred and Christians obligations and enterprises supreme, counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday School, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of Peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## 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 beings and all things 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 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." (1 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, Judgement, and Final Retribution.** The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They will have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked shall "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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