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CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION

# of FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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# OFFICERS

Moderator Rev. Jerry Dudley 1869 Elderwood Drive, Concord, 686-5093 Assistant Moderator Rev. Nuel Brown 775 South 2nd Street, Kerman, VI6-8228 Clerk-Treasurer Mr. Delmer Priest .836 Ventura, Richmond, 234-5489 Assistant Clerk-Treasurer Mrs. June Rolen 2913 East Northdale, Fresno, 229-2203 Executive Secretary Rev. Winston Lawless . . . . . 910 J Street, Modesto, 523-6595

# GENERAL BOARD

Rev. Dean Moore, 1726 Lincoln Avenue, Richmond Rev. Claudie Hames, 930 Exchange, Bakersfield Rev. Jack Richey, 6521 Cassandra Drive, Bell Gardens Rev. Nuel Brown, 775 South 2nd Street, Kerman Rev. Jerry Dudley, 1869 Elderwood Drive, Concord Mr. Delmer Priest, 836 Ventura, Richmond Mr. Fred Session, 3316 Monterey, Bakersfield Rev. James Franklin, 1032 King Street, Oxnard Rev. Francis Boyle, 421 Rincon Road, El Sobrante Mr. Edgar Floyd, 340 Rowland Avenue, Modesto

#### MISSION BOARD

Rev. Doice McAlister (At Large)5 years2217 Geer Road, Turlock2217 Geer Road, TurlockRev. Dean Moore (Golden Gate)4 years1726 Lincoln Avenue, Richmond3 yearsRev. Meryl Erickson (Clerk-Center)3 years216 Beverly Drive, Clovis2 yearsRev. Wiley Gregory (Southern)2 years782 Orange Avenue, Arvin1 yearRev. James Franklin (Chairman-West Coast)1 year1032 King Street, OxnardSUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Mr. Ernie Miller (Clerk-Center) P. O. Box 142, Kerman Rev. M. J. Wilson (Southern)

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Mr. Fred Session (Chairman-At Large) 3 years 3316 Monterey, Bakersfield Mr. John Young (Golden Gate) 2 years 2313 Greenridge Drive, El Sobrante Mr. Glen Cummings (West Coast) 1 year 3643 East 59th Place, Huntington Park BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Rev. Lonnie McAlister (Southern) 9 years 622 Sequoia, Visalia 8 years Rev. Carl Young (At Large) 1700 Ely Road, Petaluma Rev. Edward Johns (West Coast) 7 years 11242 Ferina Street, Norwalk Rev. Oscar Wright (West Coast) 6 years 644 G Street, Chula Vista Rev. Claudie Hames (Southern) 5 years 930 Exchange, Bakersfield Rev. Baxter Ramsey (Center) 4 years 10681 Highland Avenue, Selma

	Rev. Lonnie Rolen (Center)	3 years
	2913 East Northdale, Fresno	Jycars
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	1125 Multnomah, Modesto	2 years
	Rev. Francis Boyle (Chairman-Golden Gate)	1 year
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	BOOKSTORE BOARD OF TRUSTEES	. <i>•</i>
		5 years
	3333 East Nevada, Fresno	
	Mr. Monroe Gunning (Clerk-Southern)	4 years
	857 North F Street, Modesto	
	Rev. Robert Leeds (West Coast)	3 years
	6318 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> Santa Fe Avenue, Huntington Park	. "
	Mr. Paul Kennedy (Golden Gate)	2 years
	940 Juanita Drive, El Sobrante	
	Mr. Edgar Floyd (Chairman-At Large)	l year
	340 Rowland Avenue, Modesto	

#### PROCEEDINGS

#### Wednesday Evening Service

The Twenty-Third Annual Session of the California State Association of Free Will Baptists opened with congregational singing under the direction of Mr. Leroy Scudder with Jeanette Kennedy at the organ and Joyce Haynes at the piano.

The congregation sang "Brethren, We Have Met To Worship."

The clerk of the Association, Mr. Delmer T. Priest, called the session to order and introduced the assistant moderator Rev. Nuel Brown and the moderator Rev. Jerry Dudley.

The congregation sang "The Solid Rock" and "The Call For Reapers."

Moderator Rev. Jerry Dudley brought a brief message from Luke 19:13, "Occupy Until I Come."

The congregation sang "Saviour Like A Shepherd Lead Us."

Rev. Wayne Wagner read John 3:30 and John 15:1-16 for the devotional reading.

The Committee on Committees was appointed as follows: Rev. Lonnie McAlister, chairman, Rev. Joe Horner, Mr. Fred Session, Rev. Robert Leeds, and Rev. Jerry Watson.

Special music was presented by the Richmond Boys' Quartet singing "Land Where Living Waters Flow," and the Sherwood Forest Choir singing "If The Lord Should Come Today" and "Hallelujah, What A Day" under the direction of Mrs. Roy Gates. The Nashville Bible College Men's Quartet sang "Hallelujah, We Shall Rise."

Rev. Charles Harris, pastor of Garden Grove Church, brought the keynote message from John 20:21, "Sent To Accomplish A Divine Mission." The message challenged each one to (1) reach the people, (2) preach the Gospel, and (3) teach the Word.

Following the message announcements were made including the assignment of homes to guests attending the Association.

Benediction was offered by Rev. Wade Jernigan, Jerome, Idaho.

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#### Thursday Morning Session

The Thursday morning session of the Association opened with singing "Sunlight" under the direction of Mr. Leroy Scudder, with Joyce Haynes at the piano.

Devotional thoughts were taken from Matthew 10: 26-32 and prayer was led by Mr. Fred Session.

Rev. Francis Boyle, pastor of the host church, welcomed the Association to El Sobrante and to the Sherwood Forest Church. The response was given by Rev. Verlin Ramsey, pastor of the Pleasant Hill Church.

A motion carried to adopt the program with the time element notwithstanding.

The report of the Committee on Committees was read and accepted. (See Reports)

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

The following visitors were recognized by the moderator: Rev. Paul J. Ketteman, Director of Public

Relations, Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee; Herman McFadden, Blaine Hughes, David Chamberlain, and Doug Henderson, Bible College Quartet, Nashville, Tennessee; Rev. Rufus Coffey, Director of Missionary Conferences, Foreign Mission Department, Nashville, Tennessee.

The report of the Executive Secretary was given by Rev. Winston Lawless. A motion carried to accept the report and adopt the budget. (See Reports) Rev. Winston Lawless was elected as Executive Secretary by acclamation.

Greetings from Rev. Billy Melvin, National Executive Secretary, Nashville, Tennessee, were read by Mr. Delmer Priest.

A motion carried to adjourn the business session for a short recess before the worship service. Prayer was led by Rev. Claudie Hames.

Thursday Morning Worship

With the assistant moderator Rev. Nuel Brown presiding, the service opened with singing "I Know Whom I Have Believed" and "Must I Go, And Empty-

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Prayer was led by Rev. Robert Cantrell.

The Bible College Quartet of Nashville, Tennessee, sang "Pearly Gates Will Open" and "Wonderful Peace."

Rev. Doice McAlister, pastor of the Turlock Church, brought the message "Sent To Preach God's Redeeming Provision" 'using I Corinthians 2:1-11 for his text.

Benediction was offered by Rev. Gordon Bradshaw.

## Thursday Afternoon Session

The Thursday afternoon session opened with the congregation singing "Victory in Jesus."

Rev. Bill Adkisson, Gardena, read Titus 2:11-14 for the devotional reading, followed by prayer by Rev. Jerry Dudley.

The report of the National Home Mission Department and the Northwest U.S.A. was given by Rev. Wade Jernigan, Jerome, Idaho.

The report of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee, was given by Rev. Paul Ketteman.

The report of the National General Board was given by Rev. Francis Boyle.

The report of the California State General Board was given by Rev. Jerry Dudley. A motion carried to adopt the report. (See Reports)

The report of the Sunday School Board was given by Mr. Fred Session. A motion carried to receive the report and adopt the proposed budget. (See Reports)

The report of the State Treasurer was given by Mr. Delmer Priest. A motion carried to accept the report. (See Reports)

The report of the Christian Education Board was given by Rev. Francis Boyle. A motion carried to receive the report and adopt the proposed budget. (See Reports)

The congregation sang "O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing."

The report of the California Bible Institute was given by Rev. Gene Rogers.

A motion was made and seconded that various departments of the State Association grant gifts to CBI. A motion carried to table this motion until Thursday.

Mr. Glen Cummings was elected as a one year member of the Sunday School Board. Mr. Ernie Miller was elected as five year member of the Sunday School Board.

Rev. Lonnie McAlister was elected as nine year member from Southern Association and Rev. Oscar Wright as six year member from West Coast Association to the Christian Education Board.

Rev. Meryl Erickson was elected as three year member from Center Association and Rev. Doice Mc-Alister as five year member at large to the Mission Board.

A motion carried to adjourn the business session until 9:00 a.m. Friday.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Joe Mooneyham.

Thursday Evening Service

With Rev. Nuel Brown presiding, the service opened with prayer by Rev. Edward Johns. The congregation sang "Jesus Saves" and "The Regions Beyond" under the direction of Rev. E. B. Condit, with Jeanette Kennedy at the organ and Joyce Haynes at the piano.

Mr. Norm Kyle read II Timothy 1:3-11; 4:1-6; and Hebrews 4:1-3, 9-11 for the devotional reading, followed by prayer.

Rev. Rufus Coffey gave a report of world-wide missionary activities. An offering of \$109.82 was received. The offeratory prayer was given by Rev. Joe Mooneyham.

Mr. Blaine Hughes sang "So Send I You," accompanied by Mrs. Rufus Coffey. The Richmond Boys' Quartet sang "He Knows Just What I Need." The Sherwood Forest Choir under the direction of Mrs. Roy Gates sang "Onward Christian Soldiers" and "Saved By the Blood." Mrs. Rufus Coffey sang "Win The Lost" accompanied by Blaine Hughes.

Rev. Rufus Coffey delivered the evening message "Sent To the World by Royal Commission," using John

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20:19-24 as his text.

A prayer of dedication was led by Rev. Francis Boyle.

Following remarks by Rev. Winston Lawless, an offering of \$251.00 was received for California Bible Institute.

The benediction was offered by Rev. Bennie Brown.

#### Friday Morning Session

The session was opened by singing "He Included Me" and "To God Be The Glory" led by Rev. Joe Mooneyham, accompanied by Mrs. Lonnie Rolen.

Devotional thoughts from Colossians 1:25-29 and prayer were given by Rev. Edward Johns.

An oral report of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention was given by president Mrs. Reba Kirk. A motion carried to receive the report.

The report of the Temperance Committee was read and accepted. (See Reports)

The report of the Resolution Committee was read and Resolution #1 was accepted. (See Reports)

A Publication Commission was appointed as follows: Rev. DeArthur Yandell, Rev. Gene Rogers, and Rev. Winston Lawless.

The report of the Placement Committee was read and accepted. (See Reports)

The report of the Obituary Committee was read and followed by prayer by Rev. Verlin Ramsey.

A Polity Committee as recommended by the General Board was elected as follows: Rev. Carl Young, Rev. Dean Moore, Rev. Jack Richey, Rev. Edward Johns, and Rev. Nuel Brown.

Delegates to the National Convention were elected as follows: Mr. John Young, Mr. Leroy Scudder, Mr. Carl Cravens, Mr. Herb Halleman, and Mr. Delmer Priest. Alternates were elected as follows: Mr. Paul Payne, Mr. Vernon Weese, and Mr. Bill Hershman. A motion carried that the Executive Secretary appoint delegates to any vacancy that might occur.

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

The report of the Bookstore Board of Trustees

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was given by Mr. Edgar Floyd, chairman. A motion carried to accept the report. (See Reports)

The report of the Publication Committee was read and accepted. (See Reports)

The report of the Bible Book and Church Supply Store was given by Rev. Winston Lawless, manager. A motion carried to adopt the report and commend Brother Lawless for his work and his interest in the entire program of work in California. A motion carried that a standing vote of thanks be given Sister Lawless for her labors in the bookstore.

The moderator ruled that the motion tabled from the previous day was covered by the Finance Committee's report, hence a dead motion.

Rev. Dean Moore, Golden Gate, Rev. Claudie Hames, Southern, Rev. Jack Richey, West Coast, and Rev. Nuel Brown, Center, were elected as members of the General Board.

Rev. James Ligon was elected as five year member of the Bookstore Board of Trustees.

A motion carried that the moderator appoint a

committee to serve with Rev. Winston Lawless to secure hospitalization insurance. Those appointed were the moderator, and the chairmen of the Mission Board, Christian Education Board, and the Bookstore Board of Trustees.

Officers were elected as follows: moderator, Rev. Jerry Dudley; assistant moderator, Rev. Nuel Brown; clerk-treasurer, Mr. Delmer Priest; and assistant clerk-treasurer, Mrs. June Rolen.

A motion carried that the Polity Committee define the California Free Will Baptist position on the state of the backslider.

A motion carried that we accept Resolution #2 of the Resolution Committee. (See Reports)

A motion carried to adjourn.

Dismissed in prayer by Mr. Leroy Scudder.

#### Friday Morning Worship

The service was opened by singing "All Hail The Power" and "Follow On," under the direction of Rev. Joe Mooneyham, with Mrs. Rufus Coffey at the piano. Prayer was led by Rev. Jack Richey.

The Bible College Quartet sang "I'm Redeemed" and Mr. Leroy Scudder sang "Give Me Thine Heart."

Rev. James Ligon, pastor of the Fresno Church, brought the message . "Sent By Jesus Through Personal Commitment," using Romans 12:1-3 for his text.

Prayer was led by Rev. Doice McAlister.

The letter to the National Convention was read and accepted. and the second second

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REPORTS COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

The following individuals will serve on the various committees of this session of the State Association. 

**Finance** Resolution Rev. Edward Johns Mr. Delmer Priest Mr. Paul Kennedy Rev. Francis Boyle Rev. Robert Riddle Rev. Baxter Ramsey Rev. James Franklin Rev. Lonnie Rolen Rev. Claudie Hames Mr. Edgar Floyd

> Publication Rev. Winston Lawless Mr. Vernon Weese Rev. Jerry Watson Mr. Bob Vandivort Mr. Glen Cummings

Placement Rev. Nuel Brown Mr. Leroy Scudder Rev. James Ligon

Temperance Rev. Riley Haskins Mrs. Juanita Cummings Rev. DeArthur Yandell Mrs. Betty Watson Mrs. Lucille Boyle Mrs. Helen Hames

#### Obituary

Mrs. Louise Riddle Mrs. Wanda Rogers Rev. Joe Mooneyham Rev. Wayne Wagner

#### **RESOLUTION COMMITTEE**

1. Be it resolved that we appoint a Publication Commission.

2. Be it resolved that a standing vote of thanks be given the host church for its hospitality.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. We recommend that each board of the State Association consider financial aid to CBI as they feel they are able, and that each board meet immediately after the close of the Association to consider this recommendation.

2. We recommend that \$25.00 be paid to the

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moderator, \$15.00 to the assistant moderator, \$45.00 to the clerk, and \$25.00 to the assistant clerk.

3. We recommend that \$45.00 be sent to the National Association for registration fee.

4. We recommend that \$100.00 be given to California Bible Institute and \$100.00 be given to Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee.

5. We recommend that \$250.00 be given to help pay for the Headquarters sign in Nashville.

6. We recommend that each Association send 25¢ per capita member to the 1967 session of the State Association.

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

State Promotional Department32%National Association30%State Board of Christian Education25%State Mission Board11%State Sunday School Board2%

PUBLICATION COMMITTEE

We the Publication Committee recommend the following:

1. That 1,500 minutes be printed.

2. That a picture of the host church be printed in the minutes.

3. That the minutes be printed by the Promotional Department.

4. That the <u>Voice</u> continue to be printed according to the recommendation made at the last session of this meeting. The <u>Voice</u> is to be sent to every family in the church on a non-subscription basis, with an offering to be received once each quarter in the local church to underwrite the cost

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#### of printing and mailing.

#### PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

The Placement Committee recommends the acceptance of the invitation of the Kerman Church at 2nd and C Streets, Kerman, to host the 1967 State Association.

#### TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We the Temperance Committee recommend that we observe the Church Covenant in abstaining from all appearances of evil.

#### OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We the Obituary Committee report that the Lord has called a total of 37 from our midst: Golden Gate, 13; Center, 4; Southern, 13; and West Coast, 7. Rev. Guy McGuire, Rev. Ed Sunday, and Rev. Pete Robertson were among those called to be with the

Lord.

We request a moment of silence followed by prayer in memory of those who have joined our Lord.

#### GENERAL BOARD

1. The General Board recommends that a committee be selected to correlate polity with and between the Treatise and the State Constitution in receiving and dismissing ordained ministers.

2. The General Board recommends that all employees of all agencies of this Association be furnished with hospital insurance with the employing agency paying 50% of the premium, and that all ministers employed fulltime be urged to enlist in the same plan in order to provide better protection at a more reasonable cost.

3. We recommend that the Executive Department pay 50% of the hospital cost (\$295.50) for the recent hospitalization of the Executive Secretary; and that \$150.00 be paid by the state treasury toward his expenses to the National Association.

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#### REPORT OF THE STATE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Brother Moderator and delegates to this twentythird annual session of the California State Association of Free Will Baptists,

It is a real pleasure for me to come before you today with this annual report and to share with you some of the blessings we have enjoyed from the bountiful hand of God during the past year. And of course, I will want to share with you the burden of my heart also.

This has been a short year, but even so we have seen you, our people, reach goals in your work that were heretofore unreached. You, the Free Will Baptist people of California, have given more of your time and money for causes outside of your local church than in any previous year in the history of our work in California.

Financial giving for the past ten months indicates that this will be another record year for us. Several churches have just recently adopted the Cooperative Plan of support by giving ten percent of their regular incomes.

We have seen tremendous strides made in our educational program in the past months. Our Board of Christian Education is to be commended for its work in the past year. The Board has done a terrific job in getting CBI moved and re-established in Fresno. This has been accomplished through the combined efforts of the faculty and the Board and your support under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Even though the men on the Board of Christian Education are all busy pastors, they have given unselfishly of their time in the interest of CBI. A special vote of thanks should go to the Board chairman, Rev. Francis Boyle, for his untiring efforts in disposing of the CBI property in El Sobrante. Your Mission Board has also been very busy the past few months. We are expecting some wonderful results from their activities, especially in the Sacramento area where we hope to see the establishment of a very strong church.

I certainly appreciate the fine cooperation and

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the wonderful working relationship I have enjoyed the past year with the Mission Board and the Board of Christian Education as well as the faculty of CBI.

The plan of supplementing the income of the <u>Voice</u> as adopted at the last session of the State Association has proved somewhat disappointing. Very few churches have responded with an offering as was recommended. However, our mailing list is almost three times as large as it was a year ago.

The volume of sales in the bookstore continues to increase each month. With the increase of sales it becomes necessary to increase the inventory. We now have two fulltime employees.

I think the most significant thing as far as California Free Will Baptists are concerned from the national level was the securing of the ruling from the Bureau of Internal Revenue by the National Association. This granted us the legal status of a nonprofit organization. This ruling includes all subordinate members of the National Association.

This has been a wonderful year for me in the

work of the Lord. Words fail me when I try to express my gratitude and appreciation to you for the manner in which you have so graciously received and supported the program which I represent--a program to help evangelize the world for Christ.

The great burden of my heart is that we may be able to see a greater personal commitment to Christ among our people. I believe that when we can see this happen the result will be stronger churches and an enlargement of the Kingdom of God.

Let us pray that this coming year will be the greatest year we have ever had in spiritual growth.

#### Humbly submitted

## Winston Lawless Executive Secretary

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# PROMOTIONAL DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA FREE WILL BAPTISTS

# RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS June 1, 1965, to March 31, 1966

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#### RECEIPTS

	Cooperative	Destaurt
	<u>Cooperative</u>	Designated
Artesia	\$ 471.12	\$ 50.00
Arvin	170.30	18.88
Bakersfield	1,557.75	383.74
Baldwin Park	1,254.90	107.30
Bell Gardens	844.74	272.75
Blythe	68.10	82.92
Buena Park	5.00	3.00
Calwa	45.41	
Campbell		161.20
Chula Vista	113.92	39.22
Clovis	30.00	33.50
Concord	978.32	379.56
Dorris	23.00	
Downey Avenue	108.99	7.60
Earlimart	188.00	22.21
Exeter	1,027.81	568.08
Farmersville	301.58	
Fresno	453.33	125.11
Gardena	193.55	48.62
Garden Grove	1,102.93	426.16
Goshen	159.67	67.60
Hallwood	1.42	12.75
Hanford	213.39	
Huntington Park	980.14	15.13
Kerman	309.81	299.92
Lamont	304.00	
Lindsay	65.81	
Memorial	372.06	585.66
Modesto (First)	555.78	239.54
Modesto (North)	171.71	146.60
Mountain View	<b></b>	31.25
National City	165.09	37.42
Newark		
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Ontario	366.47	184.49
Orange Cove		55.00
Oxnard	656.19	183.92
Petaluma	1,338.00	783.70
Pinole	41.31	1,091.92
Porterville	493.13	192,71
Princeton	538.96	~
Richmond		816.57
Sanger	30.30	
Santa Paula	721.22	45.00
Selma	200.00	299.16
Shafter	80.00	340.29
Sherwood Forest	2,945.73	4,900.70
Spring	40.00	66.88
Stockton		27.55
Taft	180.00	6.00
Tulare	704.62	125.25
Turlock	352.36	
Village Chapel	657.64	3,523.81
Winton	91.40	
Yuba City	70.00	6.00
Miscellaneous		· · · ·
State Association		294.02
Golden Gate Association		100.00
Center Association		91.44
So. Ass'n Ministers-Deac	ons	37.50
State Master's Men		250.00
State Woman's Auxiliary		150.00
West Coast Ministers-Dead	cons	150.00
California Laymen		200.00
West Coast CTS		16.73
West Coast Association		58.91
San Joaquin Valley Q.M.	· ·	28.37
Golden Gate Youth Camp		37.21
L. M. McAlister	. ·	5.00
Rev. J. E. Yandell		5.00
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	\$22,179.15	\$18,679.92
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Executive Department	\$ 7,097.41	\$ <b></b>
National Association	6,653.74	473.00
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California Bible Institute	5,544.73	7.770.70

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•		Total	\$22,179.15	\$18,704.92*	
* :	Includes \$2 this year.	25.00 received	last year and	disbursed	
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# EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL REPORT

June 1, 1965 to March 31, 1966

Cash in Bank June 1, 1965

\$ 797.76

8,466.79

\$9,264.55

RECEIPTSCooperative - 32%\$7,097.41Printing Minutes, etc.1,045.27Voice Subscriptions194.11Pulpit Supply130.00

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Salary - Exec. Secretary\$4,300.00Housing - Exec. Secretary1,430.00Mileage - Exec. Secretary455.88Bookkeeping Supplies27.49

Dookkeeping Supplies	27.49	
Equipment Repair	7.50	
Balance Pd. on Print. Equ	ip. 898.00	·
Telephone	19.50	
Printing Minutes	300.00	
Printing Voice	271.63	
CBI Yearbook Ad	30.00	7,740.00
Cash in Bank March 31, 1966		\$1,524.55
EXECUTIVE DE	PARTMENT	
PROPOSED BUDGE	T 1966-1967	
INCOME		
Cooperative - 32%	\$9,390.00	
Voice Subscriptions	800.00	
Other	680.00	\$10,870.00
DISBURSEMENTS		
Salary	\$5,200.00	
Housing	1,716.00	
Mileage	975.00	
Printing Voice	1,450.00	
Office Expense, Postage	529.00	
Equipment and Repair	1,000.00	\$10,870.00

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## REPORT OF THE BOOKSTORE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Bookstore Board of Trustees recommends the following:

1. That the Bookstore pay one-half of Brother Lawless' recent hospital bill and one-half of his expenses to the National Association in Little Rock, Arkansas.

2. That the Bookstore give CBI \$500.00 now and \$60.00 per week this coming year.

Respectfully submitted

Edgar Floyd Chairman

BIBLE BOOK AND CHURCH SUPPLY STORE INCOME STATEMENT

January 1 to December 31, 1965

SALES

\$59,041.52

COST OF COODS SOLD

COST OF GOODS SOLD	•				!
Beginning Inventory	\$20,843.57	· · ·			: :
Purchases	41,080.45				:
Freight	506.36	• • •			
	\$62,430.38				•
Less Ending Inventory	_24,326.80	38,103.58			
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GROSS PROFIT		\$20,937.94			
EXPENSES	· · ·				
Salaries	\$ 4,682.78	·			
Rent	3,684.00				, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
Store Supplies	455.00	· · ·			
Utilities	362.42			-	
Telephone	550.20	- 			:
Office Supplies & Expense	437.83				
Insurance	286.80				
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# Advertising484.70Travel227.68Taxes and Licenses743.72Legal and Accounting49.00Depreciation224.31Interest1,570.00Miscellaneous45.00Printing Supplies791.91\$14,595.35

#### NET INCOME

# \$ 6,342.59

BIBLE BOOK AND CHURCH SUPPLY STORE BALANCE SHEET

As of December 31, 1965

December 31 1964 1965

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash on Hand	\$ 676.03 \$ 138.23
Cash in Bank-General Fund	8,116.99 9,977.81
Cash in Bank-Sinking Fund	1,607.50 1,607.50
Accounts Receivable	2,759.33 4,336.45
Inventory	20,843.57 24,326.80
Prepaid Expenses	330.50 246.50
	<u>\$34,333.92</u> <u>\$40,633.29</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS	
Fixtures and Furniture	\$ 2,107.29 \$ 2,559.90
Less Accumulated Depr.	787.65 1,011.96
	<u>\$ 1,319.64</u> <u>\$ 1,547.94</u>
OTHER	
Deposits Receivable	\$ 20.00 \$ 20.00
Goodwill	3,550.00 3,550.00
	<u>\$ 3,570.00</u> <u>\$ 3,570.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$39,223.56</u> <u>\$45,751.23</u>

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	Decem	ber 31
	1964	1965
LIABILITIES A	AND NET WORTH	
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$ 2,937.45	\$ 4,351.07
Accrued Taxes Payable	884.41	1,155.87
Notes Payable - CBI Bonda Payable	3,400.00	2,400.00
Bonds Payable	19,550.00	_19,050.00
	<u>\$26,771.86</u>	<u>\$26,956.94</u>
INVESTMENT		
January 1 Balance	\$ 7,059.56	\$12,451.70
Profit for Year	5,392.14	6,342.59
	\$12,451.70	\$18,794.29
	<u>+, (31.70</u>	910,794.29
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND	- -	
NET WORTH	\$39,223.56	\$45,751.23

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## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATE TREASURER

June 1, 1965, to June 1, 1966

Balance in Bank July 1, 1965

#### RECEIPTS

Southern Association Center Association West Coast Association Golden Gate Association Woman's Auxiliary

\$ 261.75
196.25
223.25
462.00
40.00
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# <u>1,183.25</u> \$2,177.66

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#### DISBURSEMENTS

FWB Churches (College) June Rolen (Asst. Clerk) O.B. Pitman (Minutes) \$ 100.00 25.00 5.15

National Association	45.00	
Executive Secretary (Expense		
to National Association)	175.00	
Edward Johns (Telephone)	2.50	•
Secretary of State	16.00	
Jerry Dudley (Telephone)	12.00	÷
California Bible Institute	100.00	
National Headquarters Sign	100.00	•
Nat'l Headquarters Building	100.00	
Reba Kirk (Auditing)	100.00	
Jerry Dudley (Moderator)	30.00	
Nuel Brown (Asst. Moderator)	15.00	
Delmer Priest (Clerk)	45.00	
Ed Sunday (Mileage)	10.80	
Claudie Hames (Mileage)	25.20	
Jerry Dudley (Mileage)	9.00	
Winters Florist (Robertson)	12.35	
J. A. Franklin (Mileage)	42.35	
Delmer Priest (Mileage)	12.00	
Printing State Minutes	300.00	
Robert Leeds (Mileage)	27.00	1,212.3

Balance in Bank June 1, 1966

\$ 965.36

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#### REPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA BIBLE INSTITUTE PRESIDENT

"To God be the glory, great things He hath done... Praise the Lord... Let the people rejoice."

Our hearts are filled with thanksgiving and rejoicing to God and to the people of California for making this year a great year for California Bible Institute.

In the days of Nehemiah the walls were built around Jerusalem because "The people had a mind to work." After seeing the need for a Bible Institute in the state of California the people have put forth a great effort through the years to build a school in this state for the glory of God. We, like Nehemiah, have not been without our Sanballats and Tobiahs, but the cause of Christ has been too important for us to leave our work and engage in a controversy that would detour us from our great purpose.

The prospects for future expansion look very promising for our school. Free Will Baptist young people throughout the state are responding to the call of God and are enrolling or are planning to enroll in CBI.

The property selected by the Board of Christian Education and the people of California will furnish

a very beautiful site for a campus. Our plans are to be in this property by the fall semester.

We are continuing to work for accreditation by the American Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges. Our school operates under a permit issued by the California State Department of Education. There are other fully accredited colleges that will receive transcripts from our school for those students desiring to go on for a degree.

"A world in ruins needs your aid." This should be the challenge of every Christian. Ours is a great task. If Nehemiah and his friends faced a challenging job in the rebuilding of the walls and the re-establishment of the city, then we are reminded that we are in a world of ruins, torn asunder by the tragedy of sin, chaos, and confusion. A great task is yet to be done. There is a very defi-

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nite need in our state for schools with just such a purpose as California Bible Institute. May God continue to bless our efforts together as we labor for Him in the field of Christian education.

> C. Eugene Rogers President

#### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Board of Christian Education met in seven official meetings with all Board members present for two meetings and only one member absent for the other five meetings. All major decisions of the Board have been unanimous, with no dissenting votes.

The past year has been one of great responsibility along with the great blessings. The future of CBI has been weighed in the balances and in some ways has been found wanting. But God has prevailed and the victory has been His. The Board believes it to be God's will that we have a Bible college for Free Will Baptists in California, and even though there have been many problems to face, we are sure God is greater than our problems.

The past year the College was moved from El Sobrante to Fresno. Our new president had to be moved from Missouri. All of this involved time, money, and sacrifices, not only by the Board and our president, but also by many pastors and laymen who were willing to help.

With the move came other needs for instructors, someone to work fulltime with Brother Rogers, and someone who could help supervise the dormitory students. Mr. Leroy Scudder was contacted and God led him to California. He has served fulltime not only in teaching but working in the office and supervising the dormitories. Mrs. Winnie McLain has also filled a real need in teaching English. For all of this we thank God.

Another problem was transportation. The old station wagon was unsafe and not worth investing more money in so a new station wagon was purchased and has really proved to be a real blessing to the

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school in itinerant work.

Of utmost concern has been the sale of our property in El Sobrante in order that we could purchase property in Fresno. The Board has accepted an escrow agreement to sell for \$39,500.00 with a \$5,000.00 deposit and 180 days to complete same. The agent has agreed to pay \$200.00 per month or up to \$1,000.00 till closing of escrow. The sale is progressing; it looks as though the property will be sold be the time of the State Association.

The offset press has also been sold for a fair price since it was no longer feasible to keep it.

Since so much expense was involved in relocating and meeting various other needs, it was necessary to secure additional funds to see us through the school year. A loan of \$4,000.00 was secured from the State Mission Board interest-free, making it possible for the bills to be paid and the work of the college to continue. A part of this has been repaid and more and more the school is getting close to a balanced budget.

Many other decisions have been made by the Board to try to help CBI become a school that our young people can attend and receive a Christian education that will equip them to do the job that our Lord has for them to do. We must not fail in our task for the price of failure would be the loss of the tools necessary in reaching the masses of people who are still without Christ. We each count it a privilege to serve our state. We need your prayers daily that God will lead us in every decision. The outlook is bright as plans are under way to purchase property that will become the home of CBI. There are still mountains to climb. With much prayer and faith and each one giving your support, we will build a college that will be able to equip our young people now for the great task of evangelizing the world for Christ.

Board of Christian Education

E. B. Condit Secretary

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## CALIFORNIA BIBLE INSTITUTE **INCOME STATEMENT**

June 1, 1965, to March 31, 1966

#### INCOME

Cooperative Allocation-25%	\$ 5,544.73	
Cooperative - Designated	3,990.30	
General Gifts	3,456.97	•
Matriculation Fees	40.00	
Registration Fees	315.00	
Tuition	1,857.32	
Library Fees	65.00	
Dormitory Rent	1,305.00	
Textbook Sales	466.33	
Yearbook Sales	127.60	
Miscellaneous Sales	99.63	
Yearbook Ad Sales	435.50	\$1

17,703.38

EXPENSES (See Schedule of Expenses)

18,993.73

NET LOSS

\$(1,290.35)

# CALIFORNIA BIBLE INSTITUTE SCHEDULE OF EXPENSES

June 1, 1965, to March 31, 1966

# GENERAL AND EDUCATIONAL

Salaries-Administrative \$	3,420.00
Salaries - Office	48.25
Payroll Taxes	167.07
Office Expenses	1,187.28
Telephone	499.86
Promotional Expenses	437.15
Faculty Travel	306.20
Trustees Travel	521.30
Legal and Accounting	31.45
Press Supplies	75.21
Miscellaneous Expense (Incl.	
Rogers' move from Miss.)	2,219.66
Subscriptions & Publications	101.68
Cash (short-over)	44.28
Depreciation	1,508.30

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Bad Debts	219.09	
Auto Expense	474.57	
House Allowance for		
President	1,200.00	\$12,461.35
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DORMITORY EXPENSES		
Rent	\$ 1,615.00	
Utilities	190.63	
Food		1 695 69
		1,685.63
BOOKSTORE EXPENSE		
Book Purchases	¢	
	\$ 466.33	
Cost of Printing Yearbook	<u> </u>	657.50
LIBRARY EXPENSES		69.93
INSTRUCTIONAL EXPENSES	· ·	
Faculty Salaries	\$ 2,811.00	
Payroll Taxes	145.73	
Music Department Expense	44.57	· · ·
Practical Work Department	······································	•
Expense	1 56	2 002 00
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OPERATION & MAINTENANCE		
Utilities and Water	\$ 139.03	
Insurance		
	107.70	
Repairs to Equipment	9.00	•

Janitorial Supplies Property Taxes Miscellaneous

# TOTAL EXPENSES

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\$18,993.73

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#### CALIFORNIA BIBLE INSTITUTE BALANCE SHEET

As of March 31, 1966

#### ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS \$ 34.79 Cash on Hand Cash in Bank-General 4,865.67 200.51 Cash in Bank-Student Loan 150.00 Prepaid Rent 3,452.19 Accounts Receivable 268.17 Notes Receivable-Bookstore Textbook Inventory 444.20 \$ 9,465.53 Dorm Cleaning Deposits 50.00

NON-CURRENT ASSETS

Dormitory Furniture \$ 1,580.76 Office Furniture, Fixtures 1,854.21 E 6E0 E0 Tibuany Dooleo

Library Books	5,050.50	
Library Furniture	288.81	· · ·
Athletic Equipment	52.55	
Auto	3,083.08	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
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	\$12,517.91	· · · · ·
Less Accumulated Depr.	2,470.49	
	\$10,047.42	
Land	38,128.60	48,176.02

TOTAL ASSETS

\$57,641.55

#### LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

\$ 332.95	
2,411.18	
3,000.00	
200.51	\$ 5,944.64
	18,000.00
	\$57,641.55
	2,411.18 3,000.00

CALIFORNIA	BIBLE	INSTITUTE
PROPOSED 1	BUDGET	1966-1967

# INCOME

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Cooperative Receipts	\$12,000.00				
Gifts & Faith Promises	8,250.00		.		.   
Matriculation	75.00				
Registration	600.00				
Tuition	5,000.00				
Library Fees	150.00	· · ·			
Dormitory Rent	5,400.00				
Dining Hall	8,000.00				
Textbook Sales	1,250.00				
Yearbook Sales	1,750.00				
Receipt of Old Accounts	1,000.00	<u>\$43,475.00</u>			
EXPENDITURES					
Salaries	\$14,000.00				
Postage & Office supplies					
Promotional	1,800.00 1,000.00	•			
Printing	1,000.00	•			
Travel - Trustees	500.00				
Legal and Accounting	100.00				
Dues and Subscriptions	125.00				
Auto Expenses	800.00				
Utilities	1,750.00				
Food	5,000.00				
Yearbook Expenses	1,250.00				
Music Department Expenses	100.00				
Musical Instruments	500.00	· · ·			
Library Purchases	750.00				
Textbook Purchases	900.00				
Athletic Equipment	100.00				
Practical Work Department	100.00				
Auto Payments	933.36				
Office Fixtures	625.00				
Library Fixtures	275.00				1 . 2
Dormitory Furniture	1,000.00				
Janitorial Equipment	250.00	•			
Social Security Taxes	360.00				
Property Taxes	1,200.00				
Property Payment	8,400.00	-			
Insurance	300.00				
Working Capital	356.64	\$43,475.00			
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#### REPORT OF THE STATE MISSION BOARD

The State Mission Board met in seven meetings during the past associational year. We are happy to report a marked progress in our work throughout the state. There is much enthusiasm for the new works from one end of the state to the other.

During this year we were able to assist in the organization of one church and to assist in the support of a pastor for a period of eight months in another.

The note owed to the Mission Board on the Martinez property was paid in full. This helped to finalize plans to begin a work in our capitol city. Plans are under way at this time for that work.

We were able to assist the National Home and Foreign Mission Boards in an itinerary of the state during the month of February. We were very pleased with the response throughout the state in this endeavor.

Several requests for information have come in concerning new works throughout the state and much prayer has been offered in their behalf.

Rev. Ed Sunday resigned from the Board November 1 and moved out of the state. We regret the loss of Brother Sunday who, since his move from the state, has been called to his eternal reward. Rev. Meryl Erickson was elected to serve in behalf of the Center Association in Brother Sunday's place. Rev. Rex Shipman resigned and moved out of state in December. He was replaced by Rev. Doice McAlister as a member at large. Brother Erickson was elected to serve as secretary/treasurer of the Board for the balance of Brother Sunday's term.

We ask your prayers and continued support as we begin a new year, that all that is done might be for the glory of God and the salvation of the lost.

STATE MISS	ION BOARD			
STATEMENT OF INCOME, DISE	URSEMENTS, AI	ND BALANCES		
June 1, 1965, to		966		
	Cash in			
DATANORO TA TACCA	<u>Bank</u>	Receivable		
BALANCES June 1, 1965	\$ 3,763.81	\$ 1,585.00		
RECEIPTS				
Cooperative Income (11%)	\$ 2,564,63			
Cooperative - Designated	25.14			
General Gift	100.00			
Interest on Bond	60.00	· _		
Sale of Martinez Property Sale of Piano				
Sale of Pews	35.00 136.00			
Received on Loans	1,175.00	(1, 175.00)		
	<u>\$11,495.26</u>	(1,175.00)		
DISBURSEMENTS				
New Works, Salary	\$ 2,745.00			
New Loans	4,000.00	4,000.00		
Travel, Motel, Meals	511.04	.,		
Telephone	374.90			
Office Expenses CBI Yearbook Ad	77.27			
ODI ICALDOOK AG	17.50			
	<u>\$ 7,725.71</u>	<u>\$ 4,000.00</u>		
BALANCES March 31, 1966	<u>\$ 7,533.36</u>	<u>\$ 4,410.00</u>		
BALANCE	SHEET			
ASSETS				
Cash in Bank Loans Receivable		\$ 7,533.36		
Office Equipment		4,410.00		
Investment - Bible Book St	ore Bond	180.76 1,000.00		
		<u>\$13,124.12</u>		
FUND BALANCE		\$13,124.12		
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# STATE MISSION BOARD PROPOSED BUDGET 1966-1967

Missionary Salary Missionary Housing Missionary Utilities

Board Travel

Telephone

New Works

\$4,680.00

1,500.00

400.00

500.00

1,000.00

\$8,480.00

## REPORT OF THE STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

The State Sunday School Board met three times during the year.

The Board, with the cooperation of the individual churches throughout the state, has planned a state-wide Sunday School Convention.

Two Board members assisted with a workshop in the West Coast Association and one other Board member attended.

A five-night teacher institute was conducted in Bakersfield for the Southern Association. Three Board members assisted.

Respectfully submitted

M. J. Wilson Clerk/Treasurer

STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD STATEMENT OF INCOME, EXPENSES, AND BALANCES

Cash in Bank June 1, 1965 \$ 589.36

#### RECEIPTS

Cooperative Allocation (2%)

443.58 \$1,032.94

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DISBURSEMENTS		
Nat'l Sunday School Board	\$ 125.00	
Mileage for Board Members	128.70	
Telephone	3.30	
Equipment Repairs	3.38	
Supplies for Workshops	4.52	<u>\$ 264.90</u>
Cash in Bank		\$ 768.04
BALANCE	SHEET	
ASSETS		
Cash in Bank		\$ 768.04
Accounts Receivable		143.87
Equipment		
Mimeograph (Post card)	\$ 18.25	
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Filmstrip Equipment (Includes 8 sets of filmstrips, 3 projectors 1 screen, and 2 record	,			
players)	\$	554.29		
Typewriter and Stand	- 	42.50	\$	615.04
Investment - Bible Book				100.00
Store Bond			•	100.00
			<u>\$1</u>	,626.95
FUND BALANCE			\$1	,626.95
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SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD PROPOSED BUDGET 1966-1967

INCOME

2% of Cooperative Income

650.00 Ŝ

# EXPENSES

Promotional Expense Bookkeeping State Sunday School Convention Film and Equipment Workshops (4 Associations)

\$	175.00 50.00		• •
	100.00	•	
	125.00	1.0	. ·
	200.00	1 <b>\$</b>	650.00
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#### MINISTERS ROLL

Adkisson, Bill, 1049 W. 149th St., Gardena, 327-2367 Aguirre, Harvey, 1205 Broadway, San Pablo Boyle, Francis, 421 Rincon Rd., El Sobrante, 223-8782 Bradshaw, Gordon, 139 Rosarita Dr., Salinas, 422-2619 Brown, Bennie, 314 Orchard Ave., Sunnyvale, RE9-4362 Brown, Nuel, 775 South 2nd St., Kerman, VI6-8228 Cantrell, C. R., 230 W. Palm St., Exeter, 592-4705 Condit, E. B., 1125 Multnomah, Modesto, 523-7589 Constant, Jay, 2385 McGowan Rd., Olivehurst, 742-1344 Dudley, Jerry, 1869 Elderwood Dr., Concord, 686-5093 Erickson, Meryl, 216 Beverly Dr., Clovis, 299-6610 Farmer, Shelby, 2029 Monroe St., Santa Clara, 244-2129 Franklin, J. A., 1032 King St., Oxnard, 486-2778 Gentry, H. D., 1914 Adelbert, Stockton, HO2-2416 Hames, Claudie, 930 Exchange, Bakersfield, EA5-6532 Harris, Charles, 12191 Haga St., Garden Grove, 539-2324 Haskins, Riley, 5433 Orchard St., Montclair, 626-6028 Horner, Joe, 2125 Winafred St., Sacramento, 927-7879 Johns, Edward, 11242 Ferina St., Norwalk, 864-1115 Lawless, Winston, 910 J St., Modesto, 523-6595 Leeds, Robert, 6318<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Santa Fe Ave., Huntington Park, 582-9309

Ligon, James, 3333 E. Nevada, Fresno, 266-4376

McAlister, Doice, 2217 Geer Rd., Turlock, 632-0404 McPhail, W. V., Shafter, 6-6441 Marshall, Charles, 1063 18th St., Richmond, 235-1814 Mooneyham, Joe, 1825 N. Central, Ceres, 537-0997 Moore, Dean, 1726 Lincoln Ave., Richmond, 235-6966 Pierce, Robert, 2064 S. Adelbert, Stockton, 462-4942 Ramsey, G. B., 10681 S. Highland, Selma, 896-3394 Ramsey, Lee, P. O. Box 66, Hughson, 883-2470 Ramsey, Verlin, 2387 Crescent Dr., Concord, 689-3061 Richey, Jack, 6521 Cassandra Dr., Bell Gardens, 927-3092 Richmond, Norman, 1049 W. 149th St., Gardena, 327-2367 Riddle, Robert, 106 Van Buren, Taft, R05-6428 Rogers, Gene, P. O. Box 2126, Fresno, 291-6900 Rolen, Lonnie, 2913 E. Northdale, Fresno, 229-2203 Wagner, Wayne, 190 West Rose Ct., Apt. 2, Campbell Watson, Jerry, 4415 Damsen Lane, Visalia, 732-7856 Yandell, DeArthur, 219 South A, Tulare, 686-8251 Young, Carl, 1700 Ely Rd., Petaluma, 763-1865

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### VISITING MINISTERS

Coffey, Rufus, Nashville, Tennessee Jernigan, Wade, Jerome, Idaho Ketteman, Paul, 516 Achievement Dr., Nashville, Tenn.

#### DEACONS ROLL

Austin, Curtis, 3426 Rheem Avenue, Richmond Boyles, Dennis, 1664 Michael Drive, El Sobrante Conner, Pete, 2540 Wimbledon, Napa Cremeen, Olie, 5058 Bonnwell Drive, Concord Dover, Lenord, 63 Echo Valley Road, Salinas Edwards, Harry, El Sobrante Floyd, Edgar, 340 Rowland Avenue, Modesto Gaub, Albert, 13613 San Pablo Avenue, San Pablo Halleman, Herbert, 2823 Royal Oaks Drive, Visalia Jones, Vernon, 2763 Sheldon Drive, Richmond Kennedy, Paul, 940 Juanita Drive, El Sobrante Scudder, Leroy, P. O. Box 2126, Fresno Session, Fred, 3316 Monterey, Bakersfield

Skinner, 5065 Bonnwell Drive, Concord Vandivort, G. R., 11662 Magnolia, Garden Grove

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## STATISTICAL REPORT OF AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS

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ASSOCIATIONS	Golden Gate	Center	Southern	West Coast	<u>Total</u>
Ohumu haa	2.2		16	16	76
Churches	33		16	16	76
Membership	1,878	745	1,082	765	4,470
Members Resident	1,719	570	869	714	3,872
Members Non-Resident	159	175	213	51	598
Members Received	390	67	158	133	748
Members Dismissed	231	47	90	189	557
Deceased	13	4	13	7	37
Ordained Ministers	46	23	34	31	134
Licensed Ministers	11	6	10	10	37
Deacons	63	33	53	46	195
Sunday Schools	33	11	16	15	75
Sunday School Enrollment	2,573	555	1,056	1,141	5,325
CTS	21	7	. 11	9	48
CTS Enrollment	637	171	234	248	1,290
Woman's Auxiliaries	18	7	11	· 10	46
Auxiliary Membership	207	71	134	88	500
Master's Men	4	3	3	0	10
Prayer Meetings	29	11	15	15	70
Parsonages	11	6	10	. 8	35

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FINANCIAL REPORT OF AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS						
ASSOCIATIONS	Golden Gate	Center	Southern	West Coast	Total	
Total Offerings Rec'd	\$ 219,491.94	\$ 42,190,56	\$166.593.15	\$134,977.93	\$ 563,253.58	
Pastor's Salary	70,787.32	11,622.46		38,958.01	160,463.95	
Evangelistic Work	2,145.50	525.00	•	*	5,591.42	
Building and Repairs	46,051.06	14,248.80		42,558.79	230.455.46	
Literature	8,809.26	1,846.78			18,546.70	
Advertising	2,249.62	151.17	25.00	746.88	3,172.67	
Miscellaneous	11,438.62		20,132.52	8,140,97	39,712.11	
Other	26,030.62	6,477.06	11,688.97	16,637.67	60,834.32	
Total Local Expend.	171,930.96	35,628.74	205,911.93	111,634.37	525,106.00	
Cooperative Plan	8,633.18	1,796.48	6,009.89	9,125.53	25,565.08	
Foreign Missions	10,071.30	408.95	927.55	1,828.46	13,236.26	
Home Missions	2,326.04	1,277.78	795.11	348.36	4,747.29	
Education	2,890.56	323.35	580.65	570.20	4,364.76	
Orphanage	137.65				137.65	
Associational Projects	569.55	1,050.00	375.00	1,660.73	3,655.28	
St. & Nat'l Projects	558.15		529.93		1,088.08	
Other	1,633.70		64.40		1,698.10	
Total Outside Expend.	55,446.57	3,714.79	9,749.53	-	82,444.17	
Value Church Property	1,140,300.00	350,000.00	•	•	2,536,000.00	
Value Parsonage Prop.	97,000.00	(In Church)	78,700.00	.84,500.00	260,200.00	
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# EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION MINUTES

## Calwa Free Will Baptist Church April 16, 1966

The Eighteenth Annual Session of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the State of California met with the Calwa Free Will Baptist Church, April 16, 1966, with Mrs. June Rolen, president, presiding. The convention was opened with singing "Open My Eyes," led by Mrs. Georgia Reynolds, Kerman, accom-

panied by Mrs. Sue Lindsey, Kerman.

The invocation was given by Rev. Orbin Doss of Santa Paula.

The welcome address was given by Mrs. Linda Little, Calwa.

Mrs. Lois Miller gave a welcome address from the Center Association and presented a corsage to each officer.

The response was given by Mrs. Oscar Wright, using Psalm 126:4.

A short talk was made by president, Mrs. June Rolen.

Committees were appointed as follows:

<u>Registration</u> Goldie Priest Wanda Miller Mildred Choate Alma Johns Arlene Cantrell

Resolution Peggy Adkisson Lois Miller Neona Purser Winnie Yandell June Kennedy <u>Credentials</u> Louise Riddle Mary Hatcher Sue Lindsey Martha Anderson Rosella Horner <u>Finance</u> Lydeen York

Reba Kirk Margie Winters Doris Wilson Bentrena Johnson

<u>Placement</u> Betty Lawless Betty Watson Pansy Cravens Stella Bentley Dorothy Chuck Appreciation Cleo Doss Lucille Boyle Yvonne Brown Alice Royster

The Nominating Committee was elected as follows: Bea Dudley, Golden Gate; Joyce Dunn, West Coast; Mary Kelton, Center; Virginia Gunning, Southern; and

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Florene Sharp, Center.

The report of the secretary was given by Mrs. Louise Riddle.

Mrs. Lydeen York, treasurer, read from Proverbs 23:25 and gave the treasurer's report. A motion carried to accept her report.

Mrs. Wanda Rogers, WNAC Secretary, gave greetings from the National Convention. She also read a letter from the California State Executive Secretary, Rev. Winston Lawless.

"The Past in Review" was conducted by president, Mrs. June Rolen, honoring the past state presidents. The WNAC pin was given to each president. Prayer was led by Rev. John Reel, Visalia.

The congregation sang "We've A Story to Tell" and "O Zion Haste," led by Mrs. Georgia Reynolds, accompanied by Mrs. Sue Lindsey.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Joe Mooneyham, Ceres. The California Bible Institute Choral sang "He Made The Blind to See" and "God So Loved the World," under the direction of Mr. Leroy Scudder.

Mrs. Lorene Miley, missionary to Africa, gave an inspiring talk on "Sharing in Africa," using as her scripture text Luke 14:27.

An offering of \$247.01 was received. Prayer was led by Rev. Nuel Brown, Kerman. The offering was taken to help pay the expenses of Mrs. Miley's trip to this convention.

The benediction and blessing on the noon meal were offered by Rev. George Bryant, Calwa.

#### Afternoon Session

The afternoon session was opened by singing "Open My Eyes," led by Mrs. Georgia Reynolds, accompanied by Mrs. Sue Lindsey.

Rev. Dean Moore, Richmond, led in prayer, followed by a solo "Give Me a Vision" by Mrs. Sue Lindsey.

The report of the Executive Committee was read and accepted. (See Reports)

The report of the Registration Committee was read and accepted. (See Reports)

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The report of the Placement Committee was read

and accepted. (See Reports)

The report of the Resolution Committee was read and accepted. (See Reports)

The report of the Appreciation Committee was read and accepted. (See Reports)

The report of the Credentials Committee was read and accepted. (See Reports)

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

The report of the Nominating Committee was read and accepted. (See Reports)

Mmes. Joan Tibbits, Goldie Priest, Mary Aguirre, Frances Arnwine, Betty Hershman, Lucille Boyle, June Rolen, Peggy Adkisson, and Bea Dudley were elected as delegates to the National Convention.

Officers were installed by Mrs. Helen Hames, Bakersfield, using "The Cross You Carry" taken from Luke 10:2 and I Corinthians 4:2.

Mrs. Bea Dudley sang "Harvest Time In Heaven." A dedicatory prayer was offered by Rev. Joe Mooneyham, followed by the benediction.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STUDENT LOAN RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That January be designated CBI Student Loan Month.

2. That each auxiliary support the Student Loan Fund with \$15.00 per year.

3. That a Student Loan Fund Committee be elected this session.

4. That all applications for loans be submitted to CBI, but to be reviewed and a final decision made by the Student Loan Fund Committee.

5. That there be a balance of \$500.00 in the account before a loan is made.
6. That the balance of the Student Loan Fund be maintained at \$150.00

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7. That a student must have successfully completed at least one semester of work at CBI before making application for a loan.

## **REGISTRATION COMMITTEE**

We report the following present: Golden Gate, 61; Center, 60; Southern, 35; West Coast, 12; visitors, 31; and ministers, 17. Total registration was 216.

#### PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

We recommend that the next convention meet at the Exeter Free Will Baptist Church, 152 North G Street, Exeter, on April 8, 1967.

## **RESOLUTION COMMITTEE**

We make the following recommendations:

1. That the serving of lunch by the host church be discontinued.

2. That the recording secretary send the Executive Secretary the highlights of today's meeting to be published in the Voice.

3. That a state program be sent to each local auxiliary in advance of the convention to stimulate interest in attendance.

4. That we have a returned missionary on our program if possible. If our own are not available, an attempt should be made to get one from another evangelical group.

### APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We the Appreciation Committee wish to express our thanks to Mr. Leroy Scudder for the fine job he did with the Choral Group. We wish to thank the auxiliaries of the Center Association for the wonderful food. We wish to thank the Fresno Church for

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the song books and the chairs. We wish to thank the decorating committee and the Center Association for the corsages.

We thank Mrs. Miley for coming to California and for the challenge she gave us.

We thank the Calwa Church for its warm welcome and we thank the ushers who helped in this convention.

#### CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We have examined the letters from the Golden Gate, Center, Southern, and West Coast Associations and have found them to be in order and all dues paid.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We recommend the following:

1. That each district send 20¢ per capita member and \$5.00 per capita auxiliary for convention expenses.

2. That \$30.00 be paid to the State Association for printing of auxiliary minutes in the state minutes.

3. That each officer be reimbursed the amount for telephone calls, postage, stencils, etc., for the State Convention, and 4¢ per mile be allowed for attending the Executive Committee meetings.

4. That whereas the women of California have always reached the quota for its mission project, and whereas the Foreign and Home Mission Departments were informed to expect \$2,500.00 each for the Robirds account and the Idaho account, and whereas these quotas have not been met, and whereas the vehicle for Brazil will cost an additional \$500.00, We recommend that the state project for the 1966-67 auxiliary year be the continuation of the 1965-66 project plus an additional \$500.00 for the vehicle. This will be \$1,050.00 for the Robirds' vehicle and \$800.00

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for the Idaho building.

5. That the balance of the \$5,000.00 project, which is \$3,150.00, go to CBI. The above amounts can be reached with \$12.50 per member being given.

6. That August be designated Special Emphasis Month for WNAC General Fund with each member contributing \$1.00.

7. That we send \$50.00 from our treasury to the WNAC for the General Fund.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

We recommend the following for officers for the coming year:

President - Reba Kirk Vice-President - Mrs. Oscar Wright Recording Secretary - Betty Watson

Assistant Recording Secretary - Arlene Cantrell Treasurer - Yvonne Brown Field Worker - Wanda Rogers Missions Chairman - Bea Dudley Study Course Chairman - Helen Hames Stewardship Prayer Chairman - Katy Cochran Personal Service Evangelism Chairman- Lou Scudder Corresponding Secretary - Bentrena Johnson

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## ORDER OF BUSINESS

- Introductory sermon. 1.
- House called to order by moderator. 2.
- 3. Letters called for, read, and received
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- 5. Petitionary letters called for.
- Reading rules of order. 6.
- Invite visiting brethren to seats in council. 7.
- Appointment of committees. 8.
- 9. Unfinished business.
- 10. New business.
- 11. Report of committees.
- 12. Miscellaneous business.
- 13. Election of officers.

#### CONSTITUTIONAL BY-LAWS

# CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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 fel lowship among us as an association of churches, and to preserve and maintain correspondence and coordination with us, do therefore, ordain these constitutional by-laws for our better denominational government.

#### ARTICLE I -- NAME

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

#### ARTICLE II -- PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be to coordinate efforts and policy for the primary cause of the evangelization and unifying the efforts of its constituency in denominational work in 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 types of delegates. One shall be those defined as elected delegates representing the affiliated Associations and the other shall be defined as standing delegates.

1. <u>Standing Delegates</u>. 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. <u>Elected Delegates</u>. Elected delegates shall be those delegates duly appointed or elected by the affiliated Association which they represent.

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

Representation in this Association shall be by affiliated Associations. Each affiliated Association shall be entitled to one (1) delegate per each fifty (50) members. Each affiliated 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 no power to fill vacancies in the delegation of any affiliated Association. Accompanying the letter of information shall be the representation fees as set by this Association. These letters and fees shall be received by this Association, by a vote of the standing delegation and when received, the elected delegates shall then become voting delegates.

Standing delegates shall lose their status 3. and not be recognized as voting delegates if they have moved from the territorial bounds of this Asso-No ordained or their wife shall be recogciation. nized 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 moving into the territorial bounds of this Association, unless they have obtained a recommendation from the Association from which they come, and that Association be a member of the State or National Association.

ARTICLE IV -- MEETINGS

This Association shall hold its meeting annually. The date and place shall be decided upon at the previous meeting of the Association or shall be provided by this Association. In the event of an emergency, and no other provisions having been made by

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this Association, the General 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. Moderator

2. Assistant Moderator

3. Clerk/Treasurer

4. Assistant Clerk/Treasurer

5. Executive Secretary

Each of these except the 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 officer 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. A Mission Board

2. A Board of Christian Education

3. A Sunday School Board

4. A Bookstore Board of Trustees

There shall be a General Board elected annually as may be elected by this Association hereafter, and it shall be governed by the following stipulations:

1. It shall meet at the call of the chairman or on a pre-set date.

2. It shall have an annual meeting the day prior to the opening session of this Association.

3. It shall serve in the capacity of the Association when the Association is not in session but shall answer to this Association for all actions.

Each Board shall be composed of members serving terms, the number and length of term to be designated by this Association, so arranged that members shall

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be elected in staggered terms as defined in the section of these by-laws entitled "Description of Duties." Vacancies occurring on any Board shall come by reason of:

1. Resignation. Any member of any Board shall be allowed to resign at their pleasure except in cases where resignation would be to avoid discipline or an accounting of the stewardship of their office.

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 un-Christian 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 un-Christian conduct are being pressed shall be suspended from active service on the Board of which he is a member, until the consummation of the charges made in the affiliated 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 the territorial bounds. Any member of this Association whose membership is in a church outside this Association or who moves to reside outside the territorial bounds of this Association shall be considered automatically dismissed from membership on the Board on 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 or Committee at one time, nor shall any member serve as an officer and on any Board or standing Committee except the General Board.

DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES

A. <u>The Moderator</u>. The moderator shall be chosen by the majority vote of the delegates present and voting at the closing session of this Associa-

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tion, to serve a term of one year.

- 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 and boards of this Association.
- He shall maintain order in all business ses-2. sions and allow full and free debate on all issues, but recognize no one or allow debate by any demonstrating an un-Christian spirit.
- He shall serve as chairman of the General 3. Board and Executive Committee.
- The Assistant Moderator. The Assistant Modera-Β. tor shall be chosen by the majority vote of the delegates present and voting at the closing session of this Association, to serve a term of one year.
  - 1. He shall assist the Moderator in all business sessions of this Association.

  - 2. In the absence of the Moderator, the Assistant Moderator shall become the Moderator and be governed by the duties allotted the Moderator.
  - 3. The Assistant Moderator shall serve as parlimentarian at all sessions of this Association.
- С. The Clerk. The Clerk shall be elected by the majority vote of the delegates present and voting at the closing session of this Association, to serve a term of one year.
  - 1. The Clerk of this Association shall keep a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the Association, and write them in a book set apart for that purpose; and keep an accurate record of all officers and commit-The Clerk shall keep all papers and tees. documents of this Association unless otherwise ordered and shall conduct all correspondence for the Association.
  - The Clerk shall serve as clerk of the General 2. Board and the Executive Committee.

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D. <u>The Assistant Clerk</u>. The Assistant Clerk shall be elected by the majority vote of the delegate: present and voting at the closing session of the Association, to serve a term of one year.

1. The Assistant Clerk of this Association shall assist the Clerk in recording the minutes of the proceedings of the Association and shall make himself available to assist in any of the labors of the Clerk.

2. In the absence of the Clerk, the Assistant Clerk shall become the Clerk and the duties of the Clerk shall then be applied to him.

E. The Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be elected

by the majority vote of the delegates present and voting at the closing session of the Association, to serve a term of one year.

1. The Treasurer of this Association shall receive and receipt for all money turned to him from whatever source contributions may be made to the Association, and deposit same in a bank or banks, as shall be designated by this Association.

2. All bills and accounts owed by this Association shall be paid by check drawn against the Association account signed by the Trea-

surer.

3. 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 a term of 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 resignation or disciplinary action, it shall become the duty of the General Board and the Bookstore Board of Trustees to meet jointly to effect the dismissal and/or replace

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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 duty 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 successes.

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 needed 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 Store 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 affiliated 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. <u>The General Board</u>. The personnel of the General Board shall be composed of the Moderator, the Clerk, and the Executive Secretary of this Association, and the chairmen of all standing boards. There shall also be elected by this body one member from each affiliated Association annually.

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The General Board shall have power to act in behalf of, and for, this Association from one regular session to another. It shall be the duty of this Board to make written reports of all its work to each annual session of this Association. This Board shall stand liable to this body for discipline or dismissal for actions contrary to the general polity and intent of this Association and these Articles and By-Laws. No decision shall be rendered by this Board that will affect this Association which could normally be detained and decided by this body in session.

An Executive Committee consisting of seven members shall be selected from the General Board. This committee shall be composed of the Moderator, Clerk, Executive Secretary, and the four members representing the affiliated Associations.

The duty of this Committee shall be to act on all matters coming within the scope of the work of the Board when said General Board is not in session.

In cases of disputes arising from, or within, an affiliated Association, this Committee shall serve as a mediatorial committee. This Committee shall have no dictatorial powers whatever, but shall by mediation attempt to settle such disputes as may be referred to it. If a satisfactory settlement cannot be executed by mediation, the matter shall be referred to this body in session. In no case shall either the General Board or the Executive Committee issue a verdict or edict that could or would supercede this Association in its decision. This Committee shall hear all disputes or questions of discipline, doctrine, or practice that may properly come before it from any of the bodies composing this Association; 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 or person making such appeal from the lower to the higher body. This Committee

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shall be limited to making recommendations to these affected parties and if not accepted by all concerned, shall refer the signed allegation to the General Board, and if mediation proves unsuccessful shall in turn refer the signed allegation to this Association for final action.

H. <u>The Mission Board</u>. The Mission Board shall be composed of one member from each affiliated Association and one member at large to be elected by this body. Their terms of office shall be staggered from one to five years so arranged that one member shall be elected each year. In the event a member moves from the territorial bounds of the affiliated Association he represents, his membership shall terminate and the remaining members shall elect his successor from the affected Association until this body meets in session and fills the vacancy.

The duties of the Mission Board shall be to labor to further the Gospel of Jesus Christ into

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 this Board shall receive and receipt for all money coming to it from all

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sources. It shall be deposited 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, and an accurate balance sheet of approved standards of accounting of all funds received and disbursed 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 be composed of two members from each affiliated Association and one member at large to be elected by this body. Their terms of office shall be so arranged that one member shall be elected each year to serve a term of nine years. In the event a member moves from the territorial bounds of the affiliated Association he represents, his membership shall terminate and the remaining members shall select his successor from the affected Association until this body meets in session and fills

the vacancy.

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 Baptists as defined in the "Treatise of Faith and Practice of Original Free Will Baptists" published by the National Association of Free Will Baptists shall be the guiding theological position of the institution.

This Board shall orient itself and elect

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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 or the general polity of this Association.

The treasurer of this Board shall receive and receipt for 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 this Association with an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements made. An accurate balance sheet of approved standards of accounting shall accompany the reports and shall be signed by the officers of this Board. This Board shall seek to work harmoniously with other denominational academic institutions.

J. <u>The Sunday School Board</u>. The Sunday School Board shall be composed of one member from each affiliated Association and one member at large to be elected by this body. Their terms of office shall be staggered from one to five years so arranged that one member shall be elected each year. In the event a member moves from the territorial bounds of the affiliated Association he represents, his membership shall terminate and the remaining members shall select his successor from the affected Association until this body meets in session and fills the vacancy.

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 assist-

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ance to all Sunday schools of this Association.

This Board shall devise and offer such materials as are acceptable to this Association to the schools. This Board shall be so equipped as to be able to establish a high level, departmentalized Sunday school with attendance building material 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 Bookstore Board of Trustees. The Bookstore Board of Trustees shall be composed of one member from each affiliated Association and one member at large to be elected by this body. Their terms of office shall be staggered from one to five years so arranged that one member shall be elected each year. In the event a member moves from the territorial bounds of the affiliated Association he represents, his membership shall terminate and the remaining members shall select his successor from the affected Association until this body meets in session and fills the vacancy.

The Board of Trustees of the Bible Book and Church Supply Store shall be responsible for the general oversight of the operations of the 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 the Association and the tenets of these by-laws.

ARTICLE VI -- CHURCH GOVERNMENT

The government of this Association shall be

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congregational in form and democratic in its practice. Congregational church government shall 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 Accal 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 by an aggrieved minority to the quarterly meeting for mediation. If, after this, 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 Association's decision or recommendations, the next and last appeal is to the National Association of Free Will

Baptists. None of these can change the decision of the church, but may mediate or recommend.

If the quarterly meeting or other Associations are dissatisfied with the ruling of the majority of a local church, 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 final ecclesiastical tribunal within the State of California for Free Will Baptists.

#### ARTICLE VIII -- AMENDMENTS

These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds 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 day in advance of action upon the proposed amendments.

#### 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 by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, 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 Christian 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.

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# ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. <u>The Bible</u>. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God and are an infallible rule of faith and practice.

2. <u>God</u>. 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 to supremely love, adore, and obey.

3. <u>Christ</u>. 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 Saviour and Lord.

4. <u>The Holy Spirit</u>. The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. He is

the Reprover, Comforter, Guide, and Sanctifier of man.

5. <u>The Government of God</u>. 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. <u>Sinfulness of Man</u>. 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. <u>The Work of Christ</u>. 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 grounds of salvation by faith.

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sin and the hearty renunciation of it; (2) Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour 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. <u>Election</u>. God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence, by faith in Christ, men become 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 of life or resist them and perish.

11. <u>Perseverance</u>. All believers in Christ who, through grace, persevere in holiness to the end of life have the promise of eternal salvation.

12. <u>Gospel Ordinances</u>. Baptism, or the immersion of believers in water, and the Lord's Supper are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel; Feet Washing is an ordinance teaching humility, of

universal obligation, and is to be administered to all true believers.

13. <u>Tithing</u>. God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus endorsed it in the Gospel (Matthew 23:33); and the Apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one lay by him in store as God hath prospered him." I Corinthians 16:2.

14. <u>The Christian Sabbath</u>. 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 communion with God.

15. <u>Resurrection</u>, <u>Judgment</u>, <u>and Final Retribu-</u> tion. The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all

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men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation. Then the wicked shall "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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