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Kerman Free Will Baptist Church
Second and "C" Streets
Kerman, California

June 21-23, 1967

The next session will convene with the
Bakersfield Free Will Baptist Church
June 19-21, 1968.

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OFFICERS

Moderator	Rev. Nuel Brown 775 South 2nd Street, Kerman, 846-8228
Assistant Moderator	Rev. L. A. Yandell 232 Dawn Drive, Modesto, 524-1388
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. Nuel Brown, 775 South 2nd Street, Kerman
 Rev. Winston Lawless, 910 J Street, Modesto
 Rev. Claudie Hames, 930 Exchange, Bakersfield
 Rev. Lonnie Rolen, 2913 East Northdale, Fresno
 Rev. Jack Richey, 6521 Cassandra Drive, Bell Gardens
 Rev. Dean Moore, 1726 Lincoln Avenue, Richmond
 Rev. Doice McAlister, 1869 Elderwood Drive, Concord
 Rev. Carl Young, 1700 Ely Road, Petaluma
 Mr. Fred Session, 3316 Monterey, Bakersfield
 Mr. Delmer Priest, 836 Ventura, Richmond
 Mr. Edgar Floyd, 340 Rowland Avenue, Modesto

MISSION BOARD

Rev. Don Bias (West Coast) 22208 Arline, Hawaiian Gardens	5 years
Rev. Doice McAlister (Chairman - At Large) 1869 Elderwood Drive, Concord	4 years
Rev. Dean Moore (Golden Gate) 1726 Lincoln Avenue, Richmond	3 years
Rev. Meryl Erickson (Center) 3312 North Ezia Avenue, Fresno	2 years
Rev. Wiley Gregory (Southern) 782 Orange Avenue, Arvin	1 year

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Mr. Glenn Cummings (West Coast) 3643 East 59th Place, Huntington Park	5 years
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Mr. Ernie Miller (Center)	4 years
P. O. Box 142, Kerman	
Rev. Joe Blair (Southern)	3 years
Mr. Fred Session (Chairman - At Large)	2 years
3316 Monterey, Bakersfield	
Mr. John Young (Golden Gate)	1 year
2313 Greenridge Drive, El Sobrante	

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rev. Charles Harris (Golden Gate)	9 years
5570 Olinda Road, El Sobrante	
Rev. W. V. McPhail (Southern)	8 years
Rev. Carl Young (Chairman - At Large)	7 years
1700 Ely Road, Petaluma	
Rev. Malcolm Garrett (West Coast)	6 years
Rev. Oscar Wright (West Coast)	5 years
1045 Ontario Street, Oxnard	
Rev. Claudie Hames (Southern)	4 years
930 Exchange, Bakersfield	
Rev. Baxter Ramsey (Center)	3 years
10681 South Highland Avenue, Selma	
Rev. Lonnie Rolen (Center)	2 years
2913 East Northdale, Fresno	
Rev. E. B. Condit (Golden Gate)	1 year
3870 Via Montalvo, Campbell	

BOOKSTORE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr. Edgar Floyd (Chairman - At Large)	5 years
340 Rowland Avenue, Modesto	
Rev. James Ligon (Center)	4 years
3333 East Nevada, Fresno	
Mr. Monroe Gunning (Southern)	3 years
857 North F Street, Modesto	
Rev. Robert Leeds (West Coast)	2 years
6318-1/2 Santa Fe Avenue, Huntington Park	
Mr. Paul Kennedy (Golden Gate)	1 year
940 Juanita Drive, El Sobrante	

PROCEEDINGS

Theme

"Holding Forth the Word of Life" - Phil. 2:16

Wednesday Evening Service

The Twenty-Fourth Annual Session of the California State Association of Free Will Baptists opened with the congregation singing "To God Be the Glory" under the direction of Mr. Leroy Scudder with Mrs. Paul Lindsey at the piano. Prayer was led by Rev. Verlin Ramsey.

The congregation sang "Wonderful Words of Life".

The clerk of the Association, Mr. Delmer Priest, called the session to order and admonished the congregation to speak in love throughout the 1967 session. He read Isaiah 53:4-6 for devotional reading. The clerk introduced Mrs. Lonnie Rolen as the assistant clerk and Rev. Nuel Brown as the moderator.

Prayer was led by Rev. Wade Jernigan of Jerome, Idaho.

The moderator, Rev. Nuel Brown, brought a brief message from John 12:24-27, "Two Voices".

Rev. Charles Harris was elected as assistant moderator.

The Committee on Committees was appointed as follows: Rev. Oscar Wright, chairman, Rev. Doice McAlister, Rev. Jerry Watson, Rev. Robert Leeds, and Rev. Wiley Gregory.

The Kerman Choir under the direction of Mr. Arlie Miller sang "This Is My Father's World" and "Be Still My Soul".

The Kerman Quartet sang "He's Everything to Me".

Rev. O. H. Doss, pastor of the Santa Paula Church, brought the keynote message "Holding Forth the Word of Life Through Personal Dedication" using II Corinthians 3:2 as his text.

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

Benediction by Mr. Pete Conner.

Thursday Morning Session

The Thursday morning session of the Association opened with singing "Send the Light" and "Victory in Jesus" under the direction of Mr. Ernie Miller with Delma Wright at the piano.

Prayer was led by Rev. Doice McAlister.

Devotional thoughts were taken from Psalm 34 and prayer was led by Mr. Jesse Dunn.

Mr. Luther Coleman, Mayor of Kerman, welcomed the Association to the city of Kerman. Mr. Arlie Miller, deacon of the Kerman Church, welcomed the Association to the Kerman Church. The response was given by Rev. Rex Shipman.

A motion carried that the program be adopted with the time flexible.

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. and Mrs. Wade Jernigan, Jerome, Idaho; Mrs. Cassandra Limley, Russellville, Arkansas, and Minnie Ross, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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

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)

Greetings from Rev. and Mrs. Francis Boyle, Rev. Homer Willis and the National Home Mission Department, and Rev. Reford Wilson and the National Foreign Mission Department were read by Mr. Delmer Priest. A motion carried to accept the letters as information.

A motion carried to adjourn the business session until 1:30 p.m.

Thursday Morning Worship

With the assistant moderator, Rev. Charles Harris, presiding, the service opened with singing "The Solid Rock" under the direction of Mr. Leroy Scudder with Mrs. Paul

Lindsey at the piano.

Prayer was led by Rev. Edwin Wade.

A message in music was given by Mrs. Dean Moore singing "Whiter Than Snow".

Prayer was led by Rev. Claudie Hames.

Rev. Gordon Bradshaw, pastor of the Salinas Church, brought the message using "Responsibility of Holding Forth the Word of Life" using Ezekiel 3:17 as his text.

Benediction by Rev. Verlin Ramsey.

Thursday Afternoon Session

The Thursday afternoon session of the Association opened with the congregation singing "When We All Get to Heaven" under the direction of Mr. Ernie Miller with Mrs. Paul Lindsey at the piano.

Prayer was led by Rev. Dean Moore.

Devotional thoughts from Nehemiah 8:1 were given by Rev. W. T. Roberts.

A report of the work in Idaho and the Home Mission Department was given by Rev. Wade Jernigan, Field Secretary of the Western Division of the National Home Mission Department.

A report of the National work was given by Rev. Winston Lawless.

The report of the General Board was read. A motion carried to table Item #1 of the General Board report until reports of the various boards have been given. Items #2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of the General Board report were read and accepted. (See Reports)

The report of the Sunday School Board was given by Mr. Fred Session. A motion carried to accept the report. (See Reports). Mr. Glenn Cummings was elected the five-year member from the West Coast Association and Rev. Joe Blair as the three-year member from the Southern Association to replace Rev. M. J. Wilson, who had moved from that Association.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted. (See Reports)

The report of California Bible Institute was given by Rev. Gene Rogers. The report of the Board of Christian Education was given by Rev. Carl Young. Rev. Claudie

Hames reported on the sale of CBI bonds. A motion carried to receive the report and adopt the proposed budget. (See Reports)

Rev. Charles Harris was elected as the nine-year member of the Board of Christian Education from the Golden Gate Association, Rev. W. P. McPhail as the eight-year member from the Southern Association to replace Rev. Lonnie McAlister who moved from that Association, and Rev. Malcolm Garrett as the six-year member from the West Coast Association to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Rev. Edward Johns.

Rev. Edward Johns brought greetings from the Bill Adkisson family, California missionaries to Canada.

The report of the Polity Committee was given by Rev. Edward Johns. A motion carried to receive Items #1 and 3 and to table Item #2 until Friday. (Item #2 tabled at 4:05 p.m.)

The report of the Mission Board was given by Rev. Doice McAlister. A motion carried to accept the report. Rev. Don Bias was elected as the five-year member from the West Coast Association. (See Reports)

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

Benediction by Mr. Paul Kennedy.

Thursday Evening Service

The service opened with singing "Blessed Assurance" led by Mr. Leroy Scudder with Mrs. Paul Lindsey at the piano.

Prayer was led by Rev. Lonnie McAlister.

The congregation sang "How Firm a Foundation".

An offering amounting to \$87.32 was received for the State CTS contestants who will represent California at the National Convention. Prayer was offered by Rev. Charles Harris.

The Kerman Quartet sang "I'm Bound For the Land of Canaan" and "Thank God for Calvary".

Rev. Jack Richey, pastor of the Bell Gardens Church, brought the message "Holding Forth the Word of Life at Home and Abroad" using Acts 1:8 as his text.

Rev. Reford Wilson, Director of the National Foreign

Mission Department, shared information from fields around the world.

An offering of \$80.06 was received for missions. A moment of silent prayer was offered for our missionaries, followed by audible prayer by Rev. Joe Mooneyham.

Benediction by Rev. Oscar Wright.

Friday Morning Session

The Friday morning session was opened by singing "I Am Resolved" and "Where He Leads I'll Follow" led by Mr. Ernie Miller accompanied by Mrs. Jack Gilbert.

Prayer was led by Rev. Gene Rogers.

Rev. Edwin Wade, pastor of the Garden Grove Church, brought the devotional thoughts from Matthew 5:1-12.

The report of the State Laymen's Congress was given by Mr. Paul Kennedy. A motion carried to accept the report.

The report of the Bookstore Board of Trustees was given by Mr. Edgar Floyd. A motion carried to receive the report and fill the vacancy on the Board. Mr. Edgar Floyd was elected as the five-year member at large. (See Reports)

The report of the Bookstore manager was given by Rev. Winston Lawless. A motion carried to accept the report including the recommendation given to the Board of Trustees that the Bookstore pay one-half of Brother Lawless' expenses to the National Convention. (See Reports)

A motion carried to remove Item #1 of the General Board report from the table. A motion carried to accept the tabled item. (See Reports)

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

The report of the Finance Committee was read and accepted, with Item #4 amended to read "for account of Rev. Don Robirds".

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

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

The report of the Obituary Committee was read and received. A moment of silence was observed, followed by

prayer led by Rev. O. H. Doss. (See Reports)

A motion carried to take Item #2 of the Polity Committee report from the table. A motion carried to accept the tabled item. (See Reports)

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

The following were elected as members of the General Board from district associations: Rev. Claudie Hames, Southern; Rev. Lonnie Rolen, Center; Rev. Jack Richey, West Coast; and Rev. Dean Moore, Golden Gate.

The resignation of Reba Kirk as auditor was read. (See Reports)

A motion carried to table Mrs. Kirk's resignation until the afternoon business session.

A motion carried to adjourn the business session until 1:30 p.m.

Friday Morning Worship

The congregation sang "I've Found An Anchor" led by Mrs. Dean Moore accompanied by Mrs. Jack Gilbert.

Prayer was led by Mr. Bill Johnson.

The Kerman Quartet sang "I Know I'm Saved". Mrs. Lonnie McAlister and Mrs. Jesse Dunn sang "Born To Serve the Lord".

Rev. DeArthur Yandell, pastor of the Tulare Church, brought the message "Holding Forth the Word of Life Through Cooperative Effort" using I Corinthians 3:9 as his text.

Benediction by Mr. Fred Session.

Friday Afternoon Session

The Friday afternoon session was opened with singing "Saviour Like A Shepherd Lead Us" and "Faith Is the Victory" led by Mr. Leroy Scudder with Mrs. Jack Gilbert at the piano.

Prayer was led by Rev. Reford Wilson.

The resignation and report of Reba Kirk as auditor was read and accepted. (See Reports)

A motion carried that each department of the State Association secure an auditor approved by the Executive

Committee and bring an annual audit from an outside firm to the Association.

A motion carried that each department secure its own bookkeeper.

A motion carried that a standing vote of thanks be given to Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie McAlister and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Scudder for their work in the State of California.

Delegates to the National Convention were elected as follows: Mary Moore, Nancy Harris, June Rolen, Wanda Rogers, and Mrs. Oscar Wright.

Officers were elected as follows: Rev. Nuel Brown, moderator; Rev. L. A. Yandell, assistant moderator; Mr. Delmer Priest, clerk/treasurer; Mrs. June Rolen, assistant clerk/treasurer.

Rev. Carl Young was elected to be recommended to represent California on the General Board of the National Association.

A motion carried that the offering of \$80.06 received Thursday evening be sent to the National Home Mission Department for the account of Bill Adkisson serving in Canada.

Rev. L. A. Yandell was elected as the keynote speaker for the 1968 session of the State Association and Rev. Charles Harris as the alternate speaker.

A motion carried to remove the report of the Resolution Committee from the table. The tabled report was read and accepted. (See Reports)

Benediction by Rev. Wade Jernigan.

REPORTS

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Resolution

Rev. Jack Richey
Rev. L. A. Yandell
Rev. Lonnie Rolen
Rev. W. V. McPhail
Rev. Robert Leeds

Finance

Mr. Delmer Priest
Rev. W. T. Roberts
Rev. G. B. Ramsey
Rev. Robert Riddle
Mr. Bob Vandivort

Publication

Rev. Winston Lawless
Rev. Verlin Ramsey
Rev. John Reel
Mrs. Helen Hames
Mrs. Donna Wade

Placement

Rev. Claudie Hames
Rev. Charles Harris
Mr. Bill Johnson
Rev. DeArthur Yandell
Rev. Edwin Wade

Obituary

Rev. Orbin Doss
Mrs. Edna Ramsey
Mrs. Winnie McLain
Mrs. Opal McPhail
Mrs. Cindy Vandivort

Temperance

Mr. Pete Conner
Mr. Paul Kennedy
Rev. Delmer Scroggins
Mr. Fred Session
Rev. Edward Johns

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. We recommend that \$25.00 be paid the moderator, \$15.00 to the assistant moderator, \$45.00 to the clerk, and \$25.00 to the assistant clerk.

2. We recommend that \$25.00 be sent to the National Association for the registration fee.

3. We recommend that each Association send 25¢ per capita member to the 1968 session of the State Association.

4. We recommend that \$200.00 be sent to the National Foreign Mission Department for the account of Rev. Don Robirds.

PUBLICATION COMMITTEE

1. We recommend that 1,500 minutes be printed.

2. We recommend that a picture of the host church appears on the front cover of the minutes.

3. We endorse the recommendation made by the General Board concerning Voice subscriptions.

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

The Placement Committee recommends the acceptance of the invitation of the Bakersfield Free Will Baptist Church at 2236 East California Avenue, Bakersfield, to host the 1968 State Association.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We the Obituary Committee report that God in His infinite wisdom has called a total of 23 from our midst: Golden Gate, 12; Center, 3; Southern, 4; and West Coast, 4.

Whereas Rev. Weldon Wood, of Campbell, California, was killed in a car accident near Winslow, Arizona, June 21, we request a moment of silence followed by prayer for the families of those who have joined the Lord.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We the Temperance Committee recommend that we observe the Church Covenant in abstaining from all appearance of evil, and unholy conformity to the world.

GENERAL BOARD

1. We recommend that support through the Cooperative Plan be allocated as follows:

State Board of Christian Education	35%
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National Cooperative Plan	25%
State Executive Department	22%
State Home Mission Board	16%
State Sunday School Board	2%

Since this would curtail the operation of the Executive Department to some degree, we recommend that more promotional work be done through the Voice and that traveling be done only as income permits.

2. We recommend that each church subscribing to the Voice be billed every month by the Executive Department. The rate of billing will be on the basis of \$1.00 per year per copy. Subscriptions will be cancelled for failure to pay (quarterly).

Recommendations #1 and #2 are to become effective July 1, 1967.

3. We recommend that this body instruct the Executive Committee to investigate the possibilities of dividing the Bookstore operation from the Executive Department and report to this body on same at the 1968 session of the State Association.

4. We recommend that the State Association pay \$150.00 of Rev. Winston Lawless' expenses to the National Association.

5. We recommend that \$25.00 be given to each of the nine (9) young people traveling to the National Association from California to participate in the CTS Bible Bowl, Bible Tic Tac Toe and Sword Drill competition. This would total \$225.00.

6. We recommend that the State of California ask for the National Association to be held in California in 1970.

7. We recommend that all pastors work through the Home Mission Board in setting up missionary conferences when missionaries are to be contacted from outside the state.

REPORT OF THE STATE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

To the 24th Annual State Association of California Free Will Baptists,

It is with a deep sense of gratitude and appreciation that I come to make my 6th annual report as your Executive Secretary.

"God hath done great things for us whereof we are glad." Of the six years that I have served in this capacity, I believe that 1967 has been the best year of all. According to reports, as well as my own observation, much progress has been made in just about every phase of our work. There appears to have been a greater spiritual growth among our people and more conversions being recorded by the churches this past year than there has been for quite sometime. If my count is correct, there have been five new churches organized this past year. I certainly hope that when our clerk compiles the statistics they too will reflect growth, as this will give us a more true picture of what we have done in the Lord's work.

Finances

Again in 1967 our financial report reflects a considerable increase in our support to the entire denominational program. However, you will note that some departments of our State work are slightly under that of previous years, while others show a substantial increase. Giving through the Cooperative Plan for 1967 was approximately \$100.00 per month below giving for 1966, while Designated giving showed an increase of \$676.00 per month. The total Cooperative giving was \$25,439.13; the total Designated giving was \$29,617.95.

Education

I believe that it is in this area that we have witnessed our greatest accomplishment. It is marvelous the way our people have rallied to the support of California Bible Institute in what actually amounted to a re-establishment program. The faculty, under the direction of President Rogers, is to be commended for its untiring efforts. Brother Rogers has done, in my estimation, an outstanding

work for California Free Will Baptists. It has been a real pleasure for me to work with him.

Voice

Circulation for the Voice has reached 1,500 copies per month, which is indicative that quite a number of our people are not receiving the monthly paper. You will notice that the financial statement for the Executive Department reports only \$386.38 received from our churches to supplement the cost of printing the Voice. This is approximately \$600.00 short of the actual cost of printing. We urge you to support whatever this session may recommend concerning the publication of the Voice.

Bookstore

This operation has continued to grow and sales have increased every year. As you can see by the report, increased sales means an increase in inventory as well as other expenses. Due to an unforeseen necessity of paying off some unmatured bonds, we were unable to do as much for CBI as we had anticipated.

I close this 1967 report to you with thanksgiving to God for your wonderful support and cooperation in my endeavors to serve Him as your Executive Secretary.

Humbly yours,

Winston Lawless
Executive Secretary

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF
CALIFORNIA FREE WILL BAPTISTS

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
April 1, 1966 to March 31, 1967

RECEIPTS

	<u>Cooperative</u>	<u>Designated</u>
Arvin	\$ 130.00	\$ 62.87
Bakersfield	1,799.88	760.49
Baldwin Park	1,161.90	617.10
Bell Gardens	594.78	234.50
Bible Book Store		500.00
Calwa		8.50
Campbell	295.87	625.38
Cedar Grove (Petaluma)	1,436.50	675.09
Chula Vista	254.35	60.85
Clovis	170.33	51.36
Concord	1,189.83	834.16
Dorris	150.00	
Downey Avenue	195.53	35.00
Earlimart	467.00	45.63
Exeter	1,416.44	929.27
Farmersville	420.00	40.13
Fresno	1,177.48	858.54
Gardena		15.00
Garden Grove	1,746.28	960.27
Goshen	54.09	28.17
Hallwood	5.80	5.52
Hanford	107.41	12.35
Huntington Park	1,013.37	21.37
Kerman	314.01	1,178.60
Lamont	227.67	
Memorial	1,022.64	1,025.00
Modesto - First	707.41	425.71
Modesto - North	124.80	117.50
Mountain View		305.00
Newark		628.37
Norwalk		291.45
Olivehurst	229.77	124.03
Ontario	689.83	267.46

Orange Cove	\$	\$ 37.92
Oxnard	814.65	145.06
Pinole	231.74	1,367.98
Porterville	515.62	40.00
Princeton	675.69	310.12
Richmond		1,452.30
Sacramento	156.02	11.42
Salinas		168.83
Santa Paula	650.29	220.91
Selma	240.00	65.01
Shafter	179.44	712.19
Sherwood Forest (El Sobrante)	2,369.32	4,403.00
Spring (Salinas)		90.94
Stockton		225.26
Taft	240.00	65.01
Tulare	937.49	206.74
Turlock		117.20
Village Chapel	806.85	5,504.87
Visalia		66.78
Winton	71.00	10.00
Yuba City	120.00	153.38
Miscellaneous	51.28	
Pleasant Hill		390.05
Lindsay	35.52	17.06
Lompoc		9.24
Manteca		195.05
Chowchilla		31.56
Modesto Mission	125.31	93.13
Visalia Mission	60.00	
Buena Park		10.05
Ojai	25.34	18.07
South Union		9.88
Hughson W. Auxiliary		16.81
Sanger	20.00	
Antioch		46.88
Center Association		100.00
San Joaquin Quarterly Meeting		144.72
Sacramento Valley Quarter. M.		14.77
State Woman's Auxiliary		77.34
CTS Conventions		61.23
State Association		793.01
L. C. Rial		20.00

John Clifton	\$	\$ 15.96
Riley Haskins		10.96
Herb Busby		50.96
Other		51.86

\$25,439.13

\$29,617.95

DISBURSEMENTS

Executive Department	\$ 8,139.52	\$
National Association	7,631.75	280.00
California Bible Institute	6,360.79	6,578.52
State Mission Board	2,798.31	150.07
State Sunday School Board	508.76	
Nat'l Foreign Missions		15,728.90
Nat'l Home Missions		5,700.50
FWB Bible College		1,056.23
Sherbourne Family		117.73
American Bible Society		6.00

\$25,439.13

\$29,617.95

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL REPORT

April 1, 1966 to March 31, 1967

Cash in Bank, April 1, 1966	\$ 1,524.55
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RECEIPTS

Executive Department	\$ 8,139.52	
Printing Minutes, etc.	1,439.50	
Voice Subscriptions	386.38	
Pulpit Supply	195.00	
Reimbursement - Bookstore	445.00	10,605.40

\$12,129.95

DISBURSEMENTS

Salary - Executive Secretary	\$ 5,400.00
House Allowance-Exec. Sec.	1,716.00
Mileage - Exec. Sec.	974.28

Printing Voice	\$	634.73	
Typist (Other Printing)		320.00	
Equipment		317.44	
Accounting		40.00	
Display - Nat'l Ass'n		50.00	
Photo - Nat'l Ass'n		13.50	
Printing Supplies		96.60	
Payment on Typewriter		103.90	
Gift or Dues - N.A.E.		50.00	
Refund on Printing		51.28	
Overpaid to CBI on Allocation		.75	
Reimburse W. Lawless for			
Hospital		590.00	
Expense to Nat'l Ass'n -			
W. Lawless		<u>150.00</u>	<u>10,508.48</u>
Cash in Bank, March 31, 1967			<u><u>\$ 1,621.47</u></u>

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
PROPOSED BUDGET 1967-68

INCOME

22% of Cooperative Receipts	\$	5,600.00	
Voice		900.00	
Printing and Pulpit Supply		1,650.00	
Other		<u>1,246.00</u>	\$ 9,666.00

EXPENSES

Salary	\$	5,200.00	
Housing		1,716.00	
Mileage		350.00	
Printing Voice		900.00	
Postage and Office Expense		375.00	
Equipment and Repair		<u>850.00</u>	\$ 9,391.00

REPORT OF THE
BOOKSTORE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

We recommend that the Bookstore pay one-half of the expenses of Rev. Winston Lawless to the National Association.

BIBLE BOOK & CHURCH SUPPLY STORE
INCOME STATEMENT

January 1 to December 31, 1966

SALES		\$66,252.19
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COST OF GOODS SOLD (Est. 63%)

January 1, Inventory	\$24,326.80
Purchases	44,038.25
Freight	<u>444.07</u>

\$68,809.12

Less, Ending Inventory	<u>27,070.24</u>	<u>41,738.88</u>
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GROSS PROFIT	\$24,513.31
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EXPENSES

Rent	\$ 3,600.00
Store Supplies	738.15
Utilities	440.08
Telephone	561.71
Office Supplies and Expense	399.25
Insurance	504.20
Advertising	487.35
Salaries	6,496.77
Repairs and Maintenance	10.67
Travel	90.20
Taxes and Licenses	1,553.72
Legal and Accounting	236.00
Miscellaneous	(1.17)
Depreciation	190.01
Interest	1,141.50

Printing Supplies	<u>514.10</u>	<u>16,962.54</u>
		\$ 7,550.77
Promotional Department -		
Share W. Lawless Expenses		(445.00)
Gift - CBI		<u>(1,598.96)</u>
NET INCOME OVER EXPENSES		<u><u>\$ 5,506.81</u></u>

BIBLE BOOK & CHURCH SUPPLY STORE BALANCE SHEET

As of December 31, 1966

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash on Hand	\$ 528.81	
Cash in Bank - General	6,018.91	
Cash in Bank - Sinking Fund	1,696.00	
Accounts Receivable	4,476.98	
Inventory	27,070.24	
Prepaid Rent	<u>250.00</u>	<u>\$40,040.94</u>

NON-CURRENT ASSETS

Furniture and Fixtures	\$ 2,238.86	
Less, Allow. for Depre.	<u>1,183.09</u>	<u>1,055.77</u>

OTHER ASSETS

Deposits	\$ 20.00	
Goodwill	<u>3,550.00</u>	<u>3,570.00</u>
		<u><u>\$44,666.71</u></u>

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$ 1,700.33	
Accrued Sales Tax	980.85	
Accrued Payroll Taxes	<u>484.43</u>	<u>\$ 3,165.61</u>

LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Bonds Payable

\$17,200.00

FUND BALANCE

January 1 Balance

\$18,794.29

Net Income over Expenses

5,506.81

24,301.10

\$44,666.71

Regarding the report from the Board of Trustees of the Bible Book and Church Supply Store, page 21 of the State Minutes, I submit the following report:

"Recommendation 2: We recommend that the Book Store give CBI \$500.00 now and \$60.00 per week this coming year."

Month	Weeks in Month	\$60.00 Weekly	Payments Made
July	5	\$ 300.00	
August	4	240.00	\$ 240.00 Ck #3215
September	4	240.00	240.00 Ck #3281
October	5	300.00	
November	4	240.00	
December	4	240.00	260.23*
January	5	300.00	358.73 Typewriter
February	4	240.00	
March	<u>4</u>	<u>240.00</u>	<u>757.96</u> Books
	39	\$2,340.00	\$1,856.92
April	5	300.00	
May	4	240.00	
June	<u>4</u>	<u>240.00</u>	
	52	\$3,120.00	
		<u>500.00</u>	500.00 Ck #3141
Total Pledged		\$3,620.00	

* \$260.23 Text Books applied on Gift

262.34 Text Books to pay balance of note owing CBI

\$522.57 Total Text Books credited 12/66

Total Amount Promised to 3/31/67 \$2,840.00

Amount Paid to Date 2,356.92

Amount Due as of 3/31/67 \$ 483.08

June 1, 1966 to June 1, 1967

RECEIPTS

Golden Gate Ass'n	\$ 469.50	
Center Association	186.25	
Southern Association	270.50	
West Coast Ass'n	<u>191.25</u>	<u>1,117.50</u>
		\$ 2,082.86

DISBURSEMENTS

J. Dudley (Mileage, phone)	\$	50.60	
J. Rolen (Ass't Clerk)		25.00	
D. Priest (Postage, I. D. Cards)		15.00	
FWB Churches (CBI)		100.00	
N. Brown (Ass't Moderator)		15.00	
FWB Churches (Sign)		250.00	
FWB Churches (FWBBC)		100.00	
J. Dudley (Moderator)		25.00	
W. Lawless (Nat'l Ass'n)		150.00	
J. Dudley (Mileage, phone)		24.65	
D. Priest (Nat'l Ass'n)		45.00	
D. Priest (Mileage)		12.00	
D.A. Yandell (Mileage)		6.00	
R. Shipman (Mile., proxy)		6.00	
Printing State Minutes		300.00	
J. Richey (Mileage)		27.00	
D. Moore (Mileage)		24.00	
F. Session (Mileage)		12.00	
C. Young (Mileage)		30.00	
J. Richey (Mileage)		27.00	
C. Hames (Mileage)		6.00	
D. Priest (Phone)		10.00	1,260.25

Balance in Bank June 1, 1967	\$ 822.61
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Delmer T. Priest, Clerk

REPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA BIBLE INSTITUTE PRESIDENT

The 1966-67 school year has been one of great spiritual blessing and growth at California Bible Institute. The Lord has supplied our needs and allowed us to see the fruit of our labors in the growth of our students, as well as opening doors to greater opportunities in His service.

From the day students enrolled for the fall semester to the end of the year a spirit of commitment and concern has marked this year.

We have enjoyed tremendously the new campus occupied by CBI, and we are grateful to the State Association and friends of California Bible Institute for making this campus possible.

The enrollment reached 51 students, 31 of these being daytime students. The prospects for more students next year look very promising. Tours have been made this year to Colorado, Idaho, Washington, and Arizona. The school was well received in these areas. Idaho has included CBI in their state budget. We anticipate future enrollment of students from these states.

A consultative visit was made to our campus by Dr. Mostest of the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges. His report was very encouraging for CBI and we are moving ahead toward an associate accreditation with this organization.

We also completed the Fresno City requirements for the occupancy of our buildings as a school. All bills pertaining to the changes made necessary by these City requirements have been paid.

C. Eugene Rogers
President

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Board of Christian Education met in ten official meetings during the past year. Every meeting was extremely important. Many decisions had to be made that

were very difficult, but they were made for the cause of Christ and His ministry in California. This Board believes in education that is Christian. We have lost far too many of our young people because we lacked the facilities and the personnel to teach and train them.

In order to provide facilities that could be utilized for classes and campus life, the Board recommended to the State Association in a specially-called session September 3, 1966, that the property at the corner of Winery and University be purchased as the new home for California Bible Institute and that we finance the purchase through Executive Church notes. The State Association voted unanimously to accept the Board's recommendation.

Through the miraculous power of God and the support of many California Free Will Baptists, CBI was able to move in before the fall semester 1966 and begin its first year in its own facilities.

Financial problems were many but in every instance God made a way. This was accomplished through our people who had a mind to work and give in support of CBI.

It has been a great year due to the cooperation that laymen and pastors have given CBI and this Board in helping us to overcome obstacles. Our Executive Secretary and our State moderator have labored very hard also.

Rev. Francis Boyle and Rev. Claudie Hames were put in charge of the Executive Church note program and are to be commended for their faithfulness in working at the tremendous task of selling the \$60,000.00 in notes. Only a few thousand dollars remain to be sold. Please pray for the close of this program soon.

The following men have submitted their resignations from the Board because of having moved: Rev. Lonnie McAlister, Rev. Edward Johns, and Rev. Francis Boyle. The following men were asked to fill the vacancies until the State Association: Rev. W. V. McPhail, Rev. Malcolm Garrett, and Rev. Charles Harris.

The Bay Area property was sold in May for \$29,500.00. After all fees, principal, and interest were paid, a total of \$6,710.93 was received by the Board of Christian Education. Much time and effort was spent in trying to sell this property, so we praise God that it has sold.

We owe much to our president and the faculty and students of CBI for sacrifices far above the call of duty during the past year. We thank God for each of them and appreciate them. Everyone in California can be thankful that we have a dedicated man like Rev. Rogers as president of CBI.

For the school year 1967-68 the Board voted to hire the third fulltime faculty member. Rev. Otis Eubanks has accepted the invitation to join the faculty and feels his call to CBI. Another faculty member is being sought to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Leroy Scudder.

Board of Christian Education

E. B. Condit
Clerk

CALIFORNIA BIBLE INSTITUTE INCOME STATEMENT

April 1, 1966 to March 31, 1967

INCOME

25% Cooperative Allocation	\$ 6,360.79
Cooperative - Designated Gifts	6,578.52*
Bible Book Store	1,856.92
General Gifts	10,110.92
Matriculation Fees	105.00
Registration Fees	715.00
Tuition	5,510.12
Library Fees	121.00
Dormitory Rent	3,661.50
Board and Meals	5,103.00
Miscellaneous Meals	70.00
Bible Book Store - Text Books	1,396.84
Anchor Sales, Adver.	711.00
Miscellaneous Sales	1,306.21
Interest on Bonds Not Sold	367.50

\$43,974.32

EXPENSES (See Schedule of Expenses) \$43,925.71

NET INCOME \$ 48.61

* Includes \$500.00 gift from Bible Book and Church Supply Store sent through the Executive Department in June, 1966.

CALIFORNIA BIBLE INSTITUTE SCHEDULE OF EXPENSES

April 1, 1966 to March 31, 1967

GENERAL AND EDUCATIONAL

Salaries - Administrative	\$ 4,562.50
Salaries - Office	819.33

Salaries - Other	\$ 2,447.54	
Payroll Taxes	347.01	
Office Expense	1,732.19	
Telephone	1,198.36	
Promotional Expense	884.15	
Travel	177.96	
Travel - Bd. Members	770.00	
Legal and Audit	30.00	
Dues and Subscriptions	127.36	
Depreciation	2,100.87	
Bad Debts	.53	
Auto Expense	1,500.85	
House Allowance - Pres.	1,890.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>4,084.86</u>	\$22,673.51

DORMITORY

Rent	\$ 542.00	
Utilities	112.19	
Food	2,622.31	
Repairs	22.66	
Supplies	<u>92.03</u>	3,391.19

BOOKSTORE

Purchases - Text Books	\$ 1,347.09	
Cost of Anchor	1,145.04	
Miscellaneous	<u>20.67</u>	2,512.80

LIBRARY

Salaries		212.50
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INSTRUCTIONAL

Salaries	\$ 5,227.50	
Music Dept. Expense	35.63	
Films	13.40	
Miscellaneous	<u>13.97</u>	5,290.50

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

Salaries	\$ 90.00	
Water and Utilities	752.58	
Insurance	265.70	
Building Repairs	1,776.68	
Equipment Repairs	56.98	

Janitorial Supplies	180.77	
Property Taxes	1,464.74	
Interest	3,227.04	
Miscellaneous	194.60	
Small Tools and Supplies	53.12	
Bond Program Cost	<u>1,783.00</u>	<u>\$ 9,845.21</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u><u>\$43,925.71</u></u>

CALIFORNIA BIBLE INSTITUTE
BALANCE SHEET

As of March 31, 1967

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Petty Cash Fund	\$	100.00	
Cash in Bank - General		1,516.27	
Cash in Bank-Student Loan		219.61	
Cash in Bank-Sinking Fund		.40	
Cash in Bank- Building		10,054.17	
Prepaid Rent		150.00	
Accts. Receive. - Students		8,237.86	
Accts. Rec. - Exec. Dept.		877.56	
Notes Rec. - Mission Bd.		1,000.00	
Inventory - Text Books		<u>1,138.79</u>	<u>\$ 23,294.66</u>

NON-CURRENT ASSETS

Land - El Sobrante	\$	38,128.60
Fresno Property Deposit		54,393.92
Furniture - Dormitory		1,822.51
Furniture, Equipment -Office		2,676.59
Library Books		6,059.83
Furniture, Fixtures - Library		380.74
Athletic Equipment		166.50
Auto		3,374.36
Kitchen Equipment		547.61
Yard Equipment		19.00

Music Dept. Equipment	<u>150.00</u>	
	\$107,719.66	
Less Accumulated Depre.	<u>4,245.16</u>	\$103,474.50
<u>OTHER ASSETS</u>		
Investment - Bond		<u>250.00</u>
		<u>\$127,019.16</u>

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Payable - Student Loan	\$ 224.00	
Payroll Taxes Payable	346.65	
Contracts Payable - Auto	1,633.38	
Notes Payable - B. Merzan	24,000.00	
Notes Payable - Porterfield	<u>18,000.00</u>	\$ 44,204.03

<u>BONDS PAYABLE</u>	\$ 48,850.00
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<u>STUDENT LOAN FUND BALANCE</u>	219.61
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<u>NET WORTH (FUND BLANCE)</u>	<u>33,745.52</u>
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\$127,019.16

CALIFORNIA BIBLE INSTITUTE PROPOSED BUDGET 1967-1968

INCOME

Cooperative, Designated	\$15,000.00
Gifts, Faith Promises	8,000.00
Matriculation	125.00
Registration and Tuition	9,000.00
Library Fees	400.00
Dormitory Rent	7,500.00
Dining Hall	12,600.00
Text Book Sales	2,250.00
Yearbook Sales	1,750.00
Miscellaneous Income	<u>250.00</u>

Total Estimated Income

\$56,875.00

EXPENSES

Salaries	\$18,400.00
Postage	315.00
Office Supplies	1,500.00
Promotion	1,500.00
Printing	1,800.00
Travel - Trustees	850.00
Legal and Accountants	100.00
Dues and Subscriptions	125.00
Auto Expenses	1,000.00
Utilities	1,800.00
Housing - Administration	1,800.00
Telephone	900.00
Food	7,875.00
Yearbook Expenses	1,500.00
Music Department Expenses	100.00
Music Instrument	100.00
Library Book Purchases	750.00
Text Book Purchases	1,500.00
Athletic Equipment	100.00
Practical Work Department	100.00
Auto Payments	933.36
Office Fixtures	450.00
Library Fixtures	300.00
Dormitory Furniture	1,300.00
Janitorial Equipment, Supplies	350.00
Bond Retirement	4,170.00
Property Taxes	800.00
Insurance (Hospital, House, Car)	806.00
Social Security Tax	100.00
Building Repairs and Maintenance	500.00
Payment on New Building	4,000.00
Working Capital	<u>1,050.64</u>

Total Estimated Expenses

\$56,875.00

REPORT OF THE STATE MISSION BOARD

The California Mission Board met in seven official meetings during the Associational year. We are happy to see the enthusiasm and hear the reports of revival throughout the state. We have enjoyed the blessing of unanimous decisions in all our undertakings, for which we thank God.

We have endeavored to promote and help in the missionary itinerants of both the Home and Foreign Mission Boards. We have had the pleasure of having a number of our missionaries in our state this past year. We are always thankful for this.

Our primary concern throughout the year has been the organization of a church in Sacramento, which we pray will be a blessing to that area and to Free Will Baptists as a whole. We supported a full-time pastor in this work for nine months. We purchased property costing \$32,000.00 in the name of the Free Will Baptist Mission Board, which the church will purchase from us as soon as financing is available.

The Sacramento Church has recently called Rev. J. Wilson to pastor and under his leadership the work is moving ahead. God is blessing and much enthusiasm is being shown.

Rev. Jack Richey, pastor of the Bell Gardens Church, was elected to the Board to fill the vacancy left by Rev. James Franklin who moved out of state. We thank God for Brother Richey, who has been a blessing to the Board.

Our hope remains as it has always been that all that is done will be for the glory of God.

STATE MISSION BOARD
STATEMENT OF INCOME, DISBURSEMENTS, BALANCES

April 1, 1966 to March 31, 1967

	Cash in Bank	Loans Receivable
Balances April 1, 1966	\$ 7,533.36	\$ 4,410.00
<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
11% Cooperative Allocation	\$ 2,798.31	
Cooperative Dept. - Desig.	150.07	
Sacramento Mission	1,430.85	
Designated - Joe Horner	17.00	
Received on Loans	3,070.00	(3,070.00)
Write Off - Delano Loan		(1,000.00)
Money Borrowed	1,500.00*	
Bible Book Store Bond Cashed	1,000.00	
Interest on Bond	30.00	
	\$ 9,996.23	\$(4,070.00)

DISBURSEMENTS

Sacramento Mission		
Down Payment on		
Property	\$ 8,570.00	
Rent - Church	1,475.00	
Rent - Parsonage	1,125.00	
Deposits - Rent	25.00	
Deposits - Utilities	70.00	
Salary - Joe Horner	2,970.00	
Expense to National -		
Joe Horner	237.51	
Moving Expense - Horner	222.00	
Evangelist - Nuel Brown	150.00	
Utilities	269.83	
Travel - State Mission Bd.	696.36	
Telephone	738.29	
Office Expenses, Secretary	105.66	
Loans		
Clovis Church	300.00	300.00

Sacramento Church (Sign)	<u>45.00</u>	<u>45.00</u>
	<u>\$17,000.25</u>	<u>\$ 345.00</u>
Balances March 31, 1967	<u>\$ 529.34</u>	<u>\$ 685.00</u>

SUMMARY OF LOANS

Calwa	\$ 100.00
Goshen	240.00
Sacramento	45.00
Clovis	<u>300.00</u>
	<u>\$ 685.00</u>

* LOANS PAYABLE

California Bible Institute	\$ 1,000.00
First National Bank - Fresno	<u>500.00</u>
	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>

REPORT OF THE
STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

The State Sunday School Board met three times during the year. There were several churches using the training film during the year. The film and other data is available through you Sunday School Board.

The Sunday School Convention was considered a tremendous success and the privilege of having it in our own California Bible Institute was greatly appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ernie J. Miller
Clerk/Treasurer

STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD
STATEMENT OF INCOME, DISBURSEMENTS, BALANCES

Cash in Bank May 1966	\$ 768.04
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RECEIPTS

2% Cooperative Allocation	508.76
	\$ 1,276.80

DISBURSEMENTS

Mileage for Bd. Members	\$ 24.00	
Telephone	8.00	
Equipment and Repairs	119.43	
Supplies for Work Shops	25.00	
California Bible Institute	600.00	
Mileage for Speaker	50.00	
Service Charge	2.46	828.89

Cash in Bank March 31, 1967	\$ 447.91
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STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD
BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash in Bank	\$ 447.91
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Equipment		
Post Card Mimeograph	\$ 18.25	
Filmstrip Equipment (includes nine sets of filmstrips, four pro- jectors, one screen, and two record players)	673.72	
Typewriter and Stand	<u>42.50</u>	734.47
Investment - Bible Book		
Store Bond		<u>100.00</u>
FUND BALANCE		<u>\$ 1,282.38</u>

STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD
PROPOSED BUDGET 1967-68

INCOME

2% of Cooperative Income	\$ 600.00
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EXPENSES

Promotional Expenses	\$ 150.00	
Bookkeeping	50.00	
Sunday School Convention	100.00	
Film and Equipment	100.00	
Work Shops (4 Associations)	<u>200.00</u>	\$ 600.00

REPORT OF THE POLITY COMMITTEE

Whereas the State Association of Free Will Baptists has delegated this committee to, 1. Define the state of the backslider; 2. Correlate the Constitutional By-laws of Free Will Baptists of the State of California with the Treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, 3. Make a recommendation to the local churches as to the discipline of ordained ministers for un-Christian conduct or for doctrine contrary to the Articles of Faith of Free Will Baptists, we do hereby report the following:

1. Whereas, in order for us to properly define said state of the backslider, it becomes necessary for us to come to an understanding or define who a backslider is. It is the opinion of this committee that a backslider is a regenerated person who is living in unconfessed, unforgiven sin. Such a person is rebellious to the principles of the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. Therefore, if he should die without repentance, he is eternally lost. John 15:6, Revelation 21:27, Jeremiah 2:21, 2:32, James 2:10, Ezekiel 33:1, I Timothy 1:19-20, II Peter 1:10, James 1:13-16, Romans 6:12.

2. We recommend that Article VI of our State Constitutional By-laws be changed by deletion of the following: "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 recommendation, 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." We recommend that Article VI in its entirety read thus, "The government of this Association shall be 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 discipline 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 mutual consent by an aggrieved minority to the quarterly meeting for mediation.

"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."

3. Whereas, the local church being an independent body, as far as it relates to its own members, we recommend that the local church discipline its own ordained and licensed ministers the same as any other member, by following the procedure of our National Association Treatise. Section VI, paragraph 4.

As to credentials and licenses, it has long been the practice of the Free Will Baptist denomination to award ordination credentials to ministers only after they have proven themselves to both the local church and the quarterly meeting. Thus, holding credentials in a Free Will Baptist Church is conditional and the holder is placed under solemn promise to return the credentials at anytime he can no longer affirm or contend for the doctrine and practice of the denomination, or he is called upon to surrender these credentials to the local church.

It further follows then, that, in the case of dismissal from any church, except on the occasion of transfer of membership by letter of recommendation, the ordained minister is under obligation to surrender his credentials. It is then the duty of the local church to not dismiss such a member until the credentials have been received from that ordained minister. The ordained minister is under obligation, both morally and technically, to surrender his credentials when they are called for by the local church. The local church is then obligated to safely preserve these credentials in the event the ordained may at a later date be restored and qualify for the return of his ordination certificate.

RESIGNATION OF REBA KIRK
AUDITOR

I would like for you to find someone else, if possible, to do the auditing and keeping of the books for the various departments.

I have enjoyed getting them set up and working with all those responsible in the various departments through the past few years. The books are set up so that any bookkeeping firm or full-charge bookkeeper could continue without any problem. It has been a blessing to see the work grow, since figures show proof of that growth.

As for the current year audit report, I have reconciled bank accounts for California Bible Institute, California Mission Board, Bible Book & Church Supply Store, and the Promotional Department of Free Will Baptists of California and find them to be in order.

Sincerely in Him,

Reba Kirk

MINISTERS ROLL

Bias, Don, 22208 Arline, Hawaiian Gardens, 429-5257
Bradshaw, Gordon, 139 Rosarita Drive, Salinas, 422-2619
Brown, Nuel, 775 South 2nd Street, Kerman, 846-8228
Butler, Loren, 4725 North Villa, Fresno, 291-7630
Condit, E. B., 3870 Via Montalvo, Campbell
Doss, Orbin, 235 North 10th Street, Santa Paula, 525-3729
Erickson, Meryl, 3312 North Ezie Ave., Fresno, 291-2335
Gilbert, Jack, 2114 Arden Drive West, Fresno, 485-1301
Gregory, Wiley, 782 Orange Street, Arvin, 774-5909
Hames, Claudie, 930 Exchange, Bakersfield, 325-6523
Harris, Charles, 5570 Olinda Road, El Sobrante, 223-8782
Johns, Edward, 11242 Ferina Street, Norwalk, 864-1115
Lawless, Winston, 910 J Street, Modesto, 523-6595
Leeds, Robert, 6318-1/2 Santa Fe Ave., Huntington Park,
582-9309
McAlister, Doice, 1869 Elderwood Dr., Concord, 687-4863
McAlister, Lonnie, 3006 East Swift, Fresno, 222-6749
McPhail, W. V., Shafter, 746-6441
Marshall, Charles, 1063 18th Street, Richmond, 235-1814
Moore, Dean, 1726 Lincoln Avenue, Richmond, 235-6966
Ramsey, G. B., 10681 S. Highland Ave., Selma, 896-3394
Ramsey, Verlin, 2217 Geer Road, Turlock, 632-0404
Rawlett, Tom, 141 West Vine, Visalia, 732-3830
Reel, John, 100 Howard Avenue, Visalia, 732-3803
Rial, Leonard, 1532A W. 11th Ave., Olivehurst, 743-0631
Richey, Jack, 6521 Cassandra Dr., Bell Gardens, 927-3092
Riddle, Robert, 106 Van Buren, Taft, 765-6428
Roberts, W. T., 807 Acacia, Modesto, 522-2105
Rogers, Gene, 4864 East Normal, Fresno, 251-0447
Rolen, Lonnie, Fresno, 229-2203
Scroggins, O. D., Parlier, 646-2837
Shipman, Rex, 230 West Palm, Exeter, 592-4705
Wade, Edwin, 8782 Lampson Ave., Garden Grove, 539-2324
Watson, Jerry, 4415 Damsen Lane, Visalia, 732-7856
Wright, John, 2018 South Maple, Fresno, 485-5187
Wright, Oscar, 1045 Ontario Street, Oxnard, 483-5725
Yandell, DeArthur, 219 South A Street, Tulare, 686-8251
Yandell, J. E., Fresno
Yandell, L. A., 232 Dawn Drive, Modesto, 524-1388
Young, Carl, 1700 Ely Road, Petaluma, 763-1865

VISITING MINISTERS

Jernigan, Wade, Jerome, Idaho

DEACONS ROLL

Aconner, Pete, 2540 Wimbledon, Napa
Floyd, Edgar, 340 Rowland Avenue, Modesto
Halliman, Herbert, Visalia
Kemp, Rodney, 16455 West Nielson, Kerman
Kennedy, Paul, 940 Juanita Drive, El Sobrante
Lovitt, Warren, 30646 Road 52, Visalia
McAlister, Jerrel, 361 South 3rd Street, Kerman
Miller, Arlie, 15458 West C Street, Kerman
Parker, Herbert, 136 West Buckingham, Fresno
Plumb, Jesse, 1441 Holm Avenue, Modesto
Priest, Delmer, 836 Ventura, Richmond
Reel, George, 6731 Klondike, Westminster
Reynolds, Archie, 15240 West C Street, Kerman
Rolen, Jess, 969 South 3rd Street, Kerman
Scudder, Leroy, 3630 East Grant, Fresno
Session, Fred, 3316 Monterey Street, Bakersfield
Sharp, Delmer, 579 East Scott, Fresno
Shofler, John, 2918 South Orange, Fresno
Stevens, Royce, 4041 East Huntington, Fresno
Vandivort, G. R., 11662 Magnolia, Garden Grove
Wright, Ira, 1620 North Burke Street, Visalia

STATISTICAL REPORT OF AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS

ASSOCIATIONS	Golden Gate	Center	Southern	West Coast	Total
Churches	33	12	16	18	79
Membership	1,912	781	1,041	827	4,561
Members Resident	1,720	590	927	767	4,004
Members Non-Resident	160	191	169	60	580
Members Received	350	98	144	202	794
Members Dismissed	230	47	44	164	485
Deceased	12	3	4	4	23
Ordained Ministers	52	27	31	30	140
Licensed Ministers	16	14	4	7	41
Deacons	101	29	56	42	228
Sunday Schools	31	12	16	18	77
Sunday School Enrollment	2,580	774	888	1,348	5,590
CTS	19	5	9	13	46
CTS Enrollment	600	214	203	376	1,393
Woman's Auxiliaries	16	6	11	13	46
Auxiliary Membership	210	90	54	125	479
Master's Men	4	4	3	2	13
Prayer Meetings	31	12	14	17	74
Parsonages	12	5	11	8	36

FINANCIAL REPORT OF AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS

ASSOCIATIONS

Total Offer. Rec'd	\$ 220,500.00	\$ 89,383.87	\$138,714.14	\$143,524.25	\$ 592,122.26	
Pastor's Salary	69,077.10	25,937.91	40,003.49	38,932.09	173,950.59	
Evangelistic Work	5,830.38	1,258.96	1,598.07	1,121.75	9,809.16	
Building, Repairs	50,086.51	38,985.57	67,192.15	43,716.87	199,981.10	
Literature	7,995.30	3,162.21	3,804.02	3,972.39	18,933.92	
Advertising		1,001.32	194.99	425.54	1,621.85	
Miscellaneous	10,438.62	12,590.68	22,944.25	18,938.68	64,912.23	
Other	26,400.93		9,769.45	17,208.70	53,379.08	
Total Local Exp.	169,828.84	78,583.25	145,506.42	124,316.38	518,234.89	1
Cooperative Plan	8,524.64	3,294.42	7,634	7,802.69	27,227.09	5
Foreign Missions	12,050.00	2,185.93	1,426.59	1,857.56	17,520.08	1
Home Missions	6,027.61	910.98	1,431.39	1,414.78	9,784.76	
Education	2,850.66	2,463.78	925.56	2,509.45	8,749.45	
Orphanage						
Associational Proj.	550.95	1,155.00	645.57	1,274.46	3,625.98	
St. & Nat'l Projects	600.35		665.64	324.04	1,590.03	
Other	1,500.26	2,174.75	113.88	336.55	4,125.44	
Total Outside Exp.	32,104.47	18,061.69	12,842.22	16,229.82	79,238.20	
Value Church Prop.	1,278,300.00	314,000.00	658,306.80	686,500.00	2,937,106.80	
Value Parsonage Prop.	174,000.00	49,000.00	123,450.00	114,500.00	460,950.00	

NINETEENTH ANNUAL WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION MINUTES

Exeter Free Will Baptist Church
April 8, 1967

The Nineteenth Annual Session of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the State of California met with the Exeter Free Will Baptist Church, April 8, 1967, with president Reba Kirk presiding.

The convention opened with a choral invocation "Spirit of the Living God", presented by Sue Myers and accompanied by Deanna Wilbanks, both of Fresno.

"Give of Your Best to the Master" was led by Marjorie Winters of the Memorial Church.

The devotion was given by Katy Cochran, State Stewardship/Prayer Chairman, using the theme "Prepare Ye the Workers" taken from Luke 10:2.

The welcome was given by Phyllis Shipman, Exeter. The response was given by Mary Moore, Richmond.

Committees were appointed as follows:

<u>Registration</u>	<u>Credentials</u>	<u>Finance</u>
Mrs. Oscar Wright	Betty Watson	Yvonne Brown
Phyllis Shipman	Lou Groves	Bobbie Skinner
Marilyn Combs	Cindy Vandivort	Katy Henthorn
Lois Miller	June Kennedy	Jan Cochran
Cleo Doss	Florene Sharp	Betty Anderson
<u>Resolution</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Appreciation</u>
June Rolen	Devilla Melton	Mae Mooneyham
Ruth Walker	Carol Vandivort	Vida Fry
Seal Daniels	Linda Gilbert	Gladys Stevens
Opal McPhail	Winnie Yandell	Claudia Briscoe
Louise Condit	Mary Hatcher	Mary Moore

The Nominating Committee was elected as follows: Winnie McLain, Center; Helen Hames, Southern; Opal O'Donnell, Golden Gate; Mrs. Oscar Wright, West Coast; and Janice Hughes, Southern.

The report of the secretary was given by Betty Watson.

Yvonne Brown, treasurer, read Acts 27:23 and gave the treasurer's report. The treasurer's report to the National Convention was read and accepted.

Rev. Joe Mooneyham dismissed the session in prayer.

Worship Hour

The worship hour opened with the hymn "Give of Your Best to the Master" led by Marjorie Winters.

Prayer was led by Rev. Rex Shipman, Exeter.

The CBI Quartet sang "Jesus is the Joy of Living" and "The Whole Wide World for Jesus".

Sister Amy Robinson, missionary to Uruguay, sang and brought the morning message on "Preparing the Workers" taken from Matthew 28:18-20.

The offeratory prayer was prayed by Rev. Billy Melvin, National Executive Secretary.

The benediction and blessing on the noon meal were led by Rev. Gene Rogers, CBI president.

Afternoon Session

The afternoon session opened with the convention theme song "Give of Your Best to the Master", followed by a reading by Cindy Vandivort.

Prayer was led by Arlie Miller, Kerman.

A trio composed of Verla Pembroke, Judy Ledbetter, Louise Scroggins, sang "Dost Thou Not Care?".

A report from the Field Secretary, Wanda Rogers, was given.

Greetings and a report from the Director of National Foreign Missions, Rev. Reford Wilson, were given, and attention was called to the many deficit accounts of our missionaries.

Greetings and a report from Rev. Billy Melvin, National Executive Secretary, were heard.

Rev. Gene Rogers expressed his greetings and sincere appreciation from California Bible Institute.

A letter of greetings from Mrs. Cleo Purcell, WNAC Executive Secretary, was read.

The report of the Registration 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)

A motion carried that we send \$100.00 out of the state treasury to WNAC to help cover expenses of WNAC Emphasis Month.

A motion carried that the representation fee at the State convention be \$1.25 per member.

A motion carried that each district send \$5.00 per Auxiliary to cover State convention expenses.

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

A motion carried that the corresponding secretary serve as the editor of the Auxiliary news, as mentioned in Resolution #3. (See Reports)

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

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

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

Mary Moore, Louise Condit, Mrs. Oscar Wright, and June Rolen were elected as delegates to the National Convention. Others are to be appointed at the convention. Clifford Wright was elected to serve on the WNAC Nominating Committee from our state.

The letter to the National Convention was read and approved.

Installation of officers was conducted by Winnie McLain using the theme "Hands of Service". The dedication was prayed by Rev. L. A. Yandell, Modesto.

The closing hymn, "Where He Leads I'll Go", was led by Marjorie Winters.

The benediction was prayed by Rev. Reford Wilson.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

We recommend that those who have not registered do so at the close of the service so that the correct number

present may be put in the minutes. The following were present: Golden Gate, 35; Center, 43; Southern, 37; West Coast, 13; ministers, 11; and visitors, 17. The total registration was 156.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We recommend the following:

1. That the State Project of 1966-1967 go for the immediate needs of California Bible Institute.

2. That each district select a project in place of a state project.

3. That each Auxiliary work the local church supporting the Superannuation Plan as set up by our National Association.

4. That we pay the difference in today's offering and Mrs. Robinson's expenses out of the state treasury.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

We make the following recommendations:

1. That officers be elected to serve two years.

2. That a state workshop be planned by the Executive Committee to be conducted in the fall.

3. That a request be made to the Voice for a page each month and that an editor be elected, and that each state officer contribute ideas relating to her office at least once a year.

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

We recommend that the next convention convene at the Kerman Free Will Baptist Church, 2nd and C Streets, April 13, 1968.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We recommend that this body give a standing vote of thanks to the Exeter Church for its hospitality and the flowers provided; to the state officers for their service and the wonderful program planned; to the CBI Quartet for their time and talent; and to Sister Amy Robinson for the challenge she presented to us to do more for missions.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We recommend the following persons for office in the coming year:

President - Reba Kirk, 1733 Lois Way, Ceres
Vice President - Mrs. Oscar Wright, 1047 Ontario Street, Oxnard
Recording Secretary - Betty Watson, 4415 Damsen Lane, Visalia
Assistant Recording Secretary - Alice Royster, Taft
Corresponding Secretary - Ruth Walker, 1505 Placer Avenue, Modesto
Treasurer - Bentrena Johnson, 1120 East Saginaw, Fresno
Field Worker - Wanda Rogers, 4864 East Normal, Fresno
Missions Chairman - Lou Groves, 2405 Fairfax Road, Bakersfield
Study Course Chairman - Alma Johns, 11242 Ferina, Norwalk
Stewardship/Prayer Chairman - Vida Fry, 317 North E Street, Tulare
Personal Service/Evangelism Chairman - Goldie Priest, 836 Ventura Street, Richmond
Historian - June Rolen, 2913 East Northdale, Fresno

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory sermon.
2. House called to order by moderator.
3. Letters called for, read, and received
4. Right hand of fellowship and seating of delegates.
5. Petitionary letters called for.
6. Reading rules of order.
7. Invite visiting brethren to seats in council.
8. Appointment of committees.
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 fellowship 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. 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 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.

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 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

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

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

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.
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 un-Christian spirit.
3. He shall serve as chairman of the General Board and Executive Committee.

B. The Assistant Moderator. The Assistant Moderator 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 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 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 committees. The Clerk shall keep all papers and documents of this Association unless otherwise ordered and shall conduct all correspondence for the Association.
2. The Clerk shall serve as clerk of the General Board and the Executive Committee.

D. The Assistant Clerk. The Assistant Clerk 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 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 Treasurer.
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

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. The General Board. 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.

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

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. The Mission Board. 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

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

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. The Sunday School Board. 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-

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

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 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 by an aggrieved minority to the quarterly meeting for mediation.

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.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. The Bible. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments 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 to supremely love, adore, and obey.

3. Christ. 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. The Holy Spirit. The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. He is the Reprover, Comforter, Guide, and Sanctifier of man.

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 grounds of salvation by faith.

8. The Terms of Salvation. The conditions of

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

12. 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 is an ordinance teaching humility, of universal obligation, and is to be administered to all true believers.

13. Tithing. 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. 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 communion with God.

15. Resurrection, Judgment, and Final Retribution. The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all

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

