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**The next session will convene with the  
Memorial Free Will Baptist Church  
4141 North Millbrook Avenue  
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA  
JUNE 17 - 19, 1971**

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## OFFICERS

MODERATOR ----- Rev. Edward Johns  
1908 Stanley Ave., Corcoran 93212, 920-4736  
ASSISTANT MODERATOR ----- Rev. DeArthur Yandell  
219 South "A" Street, Tulare 93274 — 686-8251  
CLERK-TREASURER ----- Mrs. June Rolen  
2913 East Northdale, Fresno 93726 — 229-2203  
ASSISTANT CLERK-TREASURER -- Mrs. Nettie Lou Jernigan  
4881 East University, Fresno 93703 — 251-9639

## GENERAL BOARD

Rev. Edward Johns, 1908 Stanley Ave., Corcoran 93212—920-4736  
Mrs. June Rolen, 2913 East Northdale, Fresno 93726—229-2203  
Rev. Edwin Wade, 8782 Lampson, Garden Grove 92641—  
Rev. A. F. Ferguson, 30376 Richland Dr., Shafter 93263—746-6441  
Rev. Graeme Savage, 923 Russell, Clovis 93700 —229-3080  
Rev. Shelby Farmer, 626 Odin Dr., Pleasant Hill 94523—686-3954  
Rev. Doice McAlister, 2217 Geer Road, Turlock 95380—  
Rev. E. B. Condit, 171 Hollis Av., Apt. 7, Campbell 95008—379-7723  
Mr. Fred Session, 3316 Monterey, Bakersfield 93306—  
Mr. Edgar Floyd, 340 Rowland Ave., Modesto 95351—523-4856

## MISSION BOARD

Rev. Adrian Condit (Golden Gate) ----- 5 Years  
1816 Gail Court, Ceres 95307  
Rev. Gordon Bradshaw (Center) ----- 4 Years  
1039 South Chinowth, Visalia 93277  
Rev. Joe Blair (Southern) — (Clerk) ----- 3 Years  
83 North Prospect, Porterville 93257  
Rev. Don Bias (West Coast) ----- 2 Years  
22208 Airline, Hawaiian Gardens 90701  
Rev. Doice McAlister (At Large) ----- 1 Year  
2217 Geer Road, Turlock 95380

## BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rev. Jerry Webb (Southern) ----- 5 Years  
706 No. Second Street Lompoc  
Mr. Fred Session (At Large) ----- 4 Years  
3316 Monterey, Bakersfield 93306  
Mr. John Young (Golden Gate) ----- 3 Years  
2313 Greenridge Drive, El Sobrante 94803  
Mr. Glen Cummings (West Coast) ----- 2 Years  
3643 East 59th Place, Huntington Park  
Mr. Ernie Miller (Center) — (Clerk) ----- 1 Year  
P. O. Box 142, Kerman 93630

## CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr. Royce Stevens (Center) -----	9 Years
4047 East Huntington Blvd., Fresno 93702	
Mr. Marion Wood (Center) -----	8 Years
1846 W. Sussex Way, Fresno 93705	
Rev. E. B. Condit (Golden Gate) -----	7 Years
171 Hollis Ave., Apt. 7, Campbell 95008	
Rev. Charles Harris (Golden Gate) -----	6 Years
5570 Olinda Road, El Sobrante 94803	
Rev. A. F. Ferguson (Southern) -----	5 Years
30376 Richland Drive, Shafter 93263	
Rev. Carl Young (At Large) -----	4 Years
200 Ely Blvd. So., Petaluma 94952	
Rev. Malcolm Garrett (West Coast) -----	3 Years
13162 Emery Ave., Baldwin Park	
Rev. Bill Maxey (West Coast) -----	2 Years
1049 W. 149th Street, Gardena 90247	
Rev. Claudie Hames (Southern) -----	1 Year
930 Exchange, Bakersfield 93307	

## BOOKSTORE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Rev. Robert Leeds (Southern) -----	5 Years
782 Orange Avenue, Arvin	
Mr. Don Eslinger (West Coast) -----	4 Years
22408 Doble Ave., Torrance 90502	
Mr. Paul Kennedy (Golden Gate) -----	3 Years
940 Juanita Drive, El Sobrante 94803	
Mr. Edgar Floyd (At Large) -----	2 Years
340 Rowland Avenue, Modesto 95351	
Rev. Nuel Brown (Center) -----	1 Year
775 South Second, Kerman 93630	



## PROCEEDINGS

### THURSDAY EVENING SERVICE

Theme — "After He had served His own generation by the will of God" Acts 13:36

The Twenty-seventh annual session of the California Association of Free Will Baptists was opened in Petaluma Free Will Baptist Church, 200 Ely Boulevard South, Petaluma, California with the congregation singing "Blessed Assurance" directed by Richard Kennedy, El Sobrante, accompanied by Joyce Haynes at the piano and Sue Hamick at the organ. Prayer by the Rev. Jack Williams, Clovis. Congregation sang "Brethren, We Have Met To Worship."

The association was called into official session and the Moderator introduced by the clerk, Mrs. June Rolen. Moderator's message using Exodus 24:12 was given by the Rev. Edward Johns, Corcoran.

Loretha Hammond, El Sobrante, sang "Holy, Holy, Is What The Angels Sang."

The Rev. A. F. Ferguson, Shafter brought the message "Serving This Generation — Hopefully in Every Opportunity."

Motion carried that the Moderator appoint the Committee on Committees. Those appointed were Carl Young, Nuel Brown, Roy Norie, Lloyd Bentley and Gordon Bradshaw.

Benediction by the Rev. Tom Hunt, Ontario.

### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The session opened with singing "I Am Resolved" and "At Calvary" directed by Mr. Ernie Miller, Kerman and accompanied by June Rolen, Fresno at the piano and Vivian Mullins, Exeter at the organ. Prayer by the Rev. Carl Young, Petaluma.

Devotional thoughts were given by Mr. Ernie Miller, using James 1: 21-24 with the subject "Laymen Face Reality."

Welcome to the City of Petaluma was given by Mrs. Putnam, Mayor of Petaluma.

Motion carried to adopt the program with the time flexible.

The report of Committee on Committees was read and accepted. Motion carried that the Moderator be empowered to fill vacancies on committees. (See Reports).

Letters from the Golden Gate, Southern, Center and West Coast Associations were read. Motion carried to accept the letters and seat the delegates. Delegates were asked to stand for recognition. Prayer by the Rev. DeArthur Yandell, Assistant Moderator.

The Rev. Rufus Coffee, Executive Secretary of National Association, was welcomed as a visitor.

June Rolen, Clerk-Treasurer, gave the report of the state treasurer. Motion carried to accept the report. (See Digest of Reports.)

A report was given by Missionary, Archie Mayhew, representative of the National Foreign Mission Department.

A report was given by Missionary appointee, Jerry Barron, representative of National Home Mission and Church Extension Department.

Resolution number 4 of 1969 stated as follows "Be it resolved that the Board of Christian Education be called the California Christian College Board of Trustees" was removed from the table by motion. Motion carried that the name be changed from the Board of Christian Education to the California Christian College Board of Trustees.

Motion was made and seconded that the name of the Sunday School Board be changed to the Board of Christian Education and that a committee be elected to study duties and submit same to Saturday morning session. The following committee was elected: Ernie Miller, Bill Hershman, Wade Jernigan, Claudie Hames and Oscar Wright. Motion carried to table same until Saturday morning session.

Motion carried to adjourn until 1:30 P.M.

Dismissed by the Rev. Shelby Farmer, Pleasant Hill.

### **ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE**

Services opened with singing "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart." Prayer by the Rev. Nuel Brown, Kerman. Congregation sang "Oh That Will be Glory" and "I am Thine O Lord." The

The Rev. Rufus Coffey, Executive Secretary of the National Association, brought the message "Serving This Generation — Zealously Seeking to Edify."

Benediction by the Rev. Charles Harris, El Sobrante.

### **FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION**

The session opened with singing "There Is Power In The Blood" led by Mr. Darwin Kelton and accompanied by Mrs. Delma Gunnels at the piano. Prayer by the Rev. Graeme Savage, Clovis. Congregation sang "Beulah Land."

Mr. Pete Conner, Richmond brought the devotional, entitled, "Addicted to Service."

The Rev. Rufus Coffee gave an oral report from the Executive Department of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Report with minutes and recommendations of the General Board was read. Motion carried to accept the report. (See Reports.)

General Board members were elected as follows: Edwin Wade from West Coast Association, A. F. Ferguson from Southern Association, Graeme Savage from Center Association and Shelby Farmer from Golden Gate Association.

Report of the Promotional Department was given by June

Rolen. Motion carried to accept the report. (See Digest of Reports.)

Report of State Mission Board was given by Chairman Doice McAlister. Motion carried to accept the report with necessary corrections. Motion carried that the State Mission Treasurer and State Treasurer correct the Mission Board Report and the corrected Income and Disbursement Statement and Balance Sheet be printed in the state minutes. (See Reports.)

The Rev. Adrian Condit, Ceres was elected as 5 year member of Mission Board.

The Rev. Wade Jernigan, President, gave a report of California Christian College. Motion carried to accept the report and adopt the proposed budget. (See Digest of Reports.)

The following were elected as members of California Christian College Board of Trustees: A. F. Ferguson (Southern) — 5 years; Royce Stevens (Center) — 9 years.

Report of Bible Book & Church Supply Store was given by the Rev. Winston Lawless, Manager. Motion carried to accept the report. (See Digest of Reports.)

Motion carried that the following motion which passed in 1969 that "Bookstore Board of Trustees be directed by this body to allocate 50 per cent of all annual profits to the State Association Cooperative to be divided in the same manner designated for distribution of cooperative receipts" be rescinded.

Motion carried to adjourn until 9:00 A.M. Saturday.

Benediction by the Rev. W. T. Roberts, Modesto.

## FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

Opened with singing "Joy Unspeakable" directed by Mr. N. P. Gates, El Sobrante, accompanied by Joyce Haynes at the piano.

Prayer by the Rev. Rex Shipman, Mountain View.

Congregation sang "My Anchor Holds" and Rescue the Perishing."

Special recognition was given John Yasuda of Japan and Jerry and Julie Barrons, missionary appointees to Mexico.

John Yasuda sang "Where He Leads I'll Follow" and gave his testimony. Testimonies were also given by Jerry and Julie Barrons.

Petaluma Church Choir sang "Where He Leads" and "Feed My Sheep."

Congregation sang "Have Thine Own Way" while a missionary offering of \$97.07 was received.

Mrs. Pamela Kennedy and Miss Sandi Jones accompanied by Mrs. Nancy Harris, El Sobrante sang "Go and Tell Others."

The Rev. Archie Mayhew, Missionary to Ivory Coast, brought



the message "Serving This Generation — Earnestly, Faithfully Discharging Our Duty."

Benediction by the Rev. Gordon Bradshaw, Demaree.

### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened with singing "The Solid Rock" directed by Mr. Darwin Kelton, Clovis, accompanied by Mrs. June Rolen. Prayer by Mr. Hubert Barron, El Sobrante. Congregation sang "To God Be The Glory" and "Send A Great Revival."

The Rev. Robert Leeds, Arvin brought the devotional using Phillippians 3:14 "Pressing Toward the Mark."

Bookstore Board of Trustees were elected as follows: Nuel Brown (Center) 1 year and Robert Leeds (Southern) 5 years.

Report of Sunday School Board was given by Mr. Ernie Miller, Clerk. Motion carried to accept the report and adopt the proposed budget. (See Digest of Reports.)

The Rev. Jerry Webb was elected as a 5 year member of Board of Christian Education.

Motion carried that the item of business changing the name of Sunday School Board to the Board of Christian Education which was tabled on Friday morning be removed from the table. Duties of the members of the Board of Christian Education as prepared by the appointed committee were read. Motion carried to accept the report of the committee and the name of the board be changed to Board of Christian Education.

Motion carried that the State CTS Rally be informed of the election of the Board of Christian Education and be directed to discontinue the election of a separate CTS Board at the next rally.

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

Motion carried that the State Association be centralized in the valley from Modesto to Bakersfield.

Motion carried that the association begin on Thursday evening, June 17, 1971.

Reports on Publication, Temperance, Obituary, Finance and Resolution Committees were read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Delegates to the National Convention were elected as follows: Darwin Kelton, Bill Herschman, Vern Gunnels, Edgar Floyd and Leroy Burger.

Missionary Appointee Jerry Barrons spoke concerning his going to Mexico as a National Home Missionary.

Motion carried that the Woman's Auxiliary and CTS Rally minutes be printed in the State Association minutes.

Mr. Richard Kennedy, President of State CTS Rally, gave an oral report of the state rally.

Officers were elected as follows:

Moderator ----- Edward Johns  
Assistant Moderator ----- DeArthur Yandell  
Clerk-Treasurer ----- June Rolen  
Assistant Clerk-Treasurer ----- Nettie Lou Jernigan

Motion carried that a program committee of five be elected to plan the 1971 State Association program. Those elected were Paul Kennedy, Lonnie Rolen, A. F. Ferguson, Tom Hunt and Winston Lawless with Paul Kennedy to serve as chairman.

The Rev. Jack Gilbert gave an oral report of the work in Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Motion carried to adjourn.

### **SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE**

Opened by singing "All the Way My Saviour Leads Me" led by Mr. Ron Young, accompanied by Mrs. Joyce Haynes. Prayer by Mr. Cliff Ponder, Petaluma. Congregation sang "All Hail the Power."

Mr. Darwin Kelton sang "I Can Feel the Spirit."

The Rev. Wade Jernigan brought the message "Serving This Generation — Honestly Facing Up To Reality."

An offering of \$104.21 was received for California Christian College.

Benediction by the Rev. Adrian Condit, Ceres.

### **REPORTS**

#### **COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES**

##### **RESOLUTION**

Charles Harris, Chairman  
Lonnie Rolen  
Jerry Webb  
Roy Norie  
Herbert Holleman

##### **FINANCE**

Claudie Hames, Chairman  
Shelby Farmer  
Ernie Miller  
Robert Leeds  
W. T. Roberts

##### **PUBLICATION**

Pete Conner, Chairman  
Doice McAlister  
Darwin Kelton  
Tom Hunt  
L. A. Yandell

##### **OBITUARY**

Winnie Yandell, Chairman  
Velma Ferguson  
Linda Hunt  
Gladys Bradshaw  
Vada Roberts

##### **PLACEMENT**

Lloyd Bentley, Chairman  
Joe Cluck  
Royce Stevens  
Eulis Bradshaw  
Adrian Condit

##### **TEMPERANCE**

E. B. Condit, Chairman  
DeArthur Yandell  
Vivian Mullins  
Graeme Savage  
A. F. Ferguson

## RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

- 1.—Be it resolved, that any board member who misses three consecutive meetings, unless providentially hindered, shall have his office declared vacant and herewith shall be replaced by the board until the next meeting of the association.
- 2.—Be it hereby resolved, that the following statement be placed on the front display glass of the book store: "Owned and operated by the California State Association of Free Will Baptists."
- 3.—Be it hereby resolved, that no person be elected to serve on a board or fill an office unless he is present in the meeting.
- 4.—Be it resolved, that a standing vote of thanks be given the host church.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 1.—We recommend that \$25.00 be paid to the Moderator, \$15.00 to the Assistant Moderator, \$45.00 to the Clerk and \$25.00 to the Assistant Clerk.
- 2.—We recommend that \$45.00 be sent to the National Association for representation fees.
- 3.—We recommend that each district association send \$ .25 per capita member for the 1971 session of the State Association.
- 4.—We recommend that \$250.00 be given to California Christian College.
- 5.—We recommend that the Friday evening missionary offering in the amount of \$97.07 be given to the account of Missionary Appointee, Jerry Barron.
- 6.—We recommend that the support through the Cooperative Plan be allocated as follows:

National Cooperative .....	25%
California Christian College .....	35%
State Home Mission .....	16%
State Treas. for Promotional Dept. ....	7%
Promotional Department .....	15%
Board of Christian Education .....	2%
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>100%</b>

and the Promotional Department keep a reserve of \$500.00 and be responsible for the printing of the "Voice" and the state clerk-treasurer be paid \$100.00 per month for his/her labors.

## PUBLICATION COMMITTEE

We recommend that 500 minutes be printed with the Digest of Reports omitted from same and the printing be done by Genie Printing Company of Ceres.



## **PLACEMENT COMMITTEE**

We recommend that the next session convene with the Memorial Free Will Baptist Church, 4141 North Millbrook Avenue, Fresno, and that consideration be given hereafter to centralizing the state association from Bakersfield to Modesto.

## **TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE**

- 1.—We recommend that we adhere to and abide by our Church Covenant in its statement, "We promise to abstain from sinful amusement and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages," and that we specifically point out the growing dangers of social drinking, increased pornography in literature, television and films, and the insidious threat of drugs to our young people.
- 2.—That we accept our God-given duty of seeking the salvation of those whose lives have become depraved through drug addiction, immorality and enslavement to alcohol.

## **OBITUARY COMMITTEE**

We report that God in His infinite wisdom has called from our midst a total of 38 of our brothers and sisters in Christ: Center Association 5; Southern Association 15; West Coast Association 4; Golden Gate Association 14. Included among these were two beloved ministers of the gospel, Rev. W. V. McPhail and Rev. J. E. Yandell.

We further recommend that we stand for a moment of silent meditation in memory of them.

## **GENERAL BOARD MINUTES**

The General Board met June 18, 1970 at 1:30 P.M. at the Petaluma Church. Present were Edward Johns, Lonnie Rolen, Doice McAlister, Edgar Floyd and June Rolen. Visitors present were Winston Lawless, Wade Jernigan, DeArthur Yandell, Claudie Hames and Carl Young.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. DeArthur Yandell. Report of Promotional Department was given by June Rolen. Motion carried to accept report. Motion carried to pay June Rolen \$225.00 for publishing of the "Voice" and other office duties. Report of Bible Book and Church Supply Store was given by Winston Lawless, Manager. He presented a check for \$725.00 to the state treasurer for the cooperative program from the book store profits. Report of the State Mission Board was given by Chairman Doice McAlister. Report of State Treasurer was given by June Rolen. Motion carried to recommend to the Publication Committee that 500 minutes be printed and the Digest of Reports



be omitted from the minutes. Report of California Christian College was given by President Wade T. Jernigan. Motion carried to recommend the following resolution to the National Association: "Be it resolved that the word "SABBATH" be changed to "LORD'S DAY" in chapter 14 of the Treatise of Faith and Practices of the Original Free Will Baptists.

Dismissed by Doice McAlister.

### **REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

The Board of Christian Education 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 Christian Education shall endeavor to establish and maintain high standard Sunday Schools in the churches within the structure of this association. In accomplishing this, the Board shall offer incentive material for teacher training, attendance building, and general assistance to all Sunday Schools of this association.

This Board shall devise and offer such materials as are acceptable to this association to the Sunday Schools and CTS groups. 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 policy and practice of this association.

This Board shall be charged with the responsibility of conducting and promoting a Sunday School Convention in each of the affiliate associations with appropriate speakers and workshops.

It shall further be the duty of this Board to work with the officers of the State C.T.S. Rally in planning and promoting the annual State C. T. S. Rally.

An annual report of meetings, finances, conventions and all activities shall be made at the State Association

# CALIFORNIA MISSION BOARD

## STATEMENT OF INCOME, EXPENSES AND BALANCE

Balance, April 1, 1969 ----- \$2,058.92

### INCOME

Cooperative Allocation	\$2,186.95	
Promotional Dept. Designated	5.04	
Promotional General Fund	145.53	
Richmond Church Designated	510.96	
Tracy Church General Fund	182.19	
Clovis Church Designated	18.55	
Antioch Church - Payment on Loan	135.88	
	<b>\$3,185.10</b>	<b>\$3,185.10</b>

**TOTAL INCOME AND BALANCE ----- \$5,244.02**

### EXPENSES

#### New Mission Work:

Pica Rivera	300.00	
Rev. J. S. Cox - Newman	150.00	
Promotional Dept. Aguirre Account	285.81	
Jack Gilbert - Klamath Falls, Oregon	294.40	
Arturo Villalobos - Mexico	200.00	
Porterville Church - Telephone	164.20	

#### Mileage:

Dean Moore	45.60	
Gordon Bradshaw	16.20	
Doice McAlister	56.90	
Don Bias	33.10	
Joe Blair	18.00	
Charles Harris	24.00	
Bob Riddle	34.68	
Antioch Free Will Baptist Church Loan	1,000.00	

**\$2,622.89      \$2,622.89**

**BANK BBALANCE 3/31/70      \$2,621.13**

### ASSETS

1 \$500.00 Bond No. 47 from California Christian College    \$500.00

#### Notes Payable:

Antioch Free Will Baptist Church	\$ 722.69	
Sacramento Free Will Baptist Church	8,065.60	
Blythe Free Will Baptist Church	200.00	
California Christian College	700.00	
	<b>\$9,688.29</b>	<b>9,688.29</b>

**TOTAL      \$10,188.29**

## MINISTER'S ROLL

Bradshaw, Gordon, 1039 S. Chinowth, Visalia, 93277	— 734-1014
Brown, Nuel, 775 So. Second, Kerman, 93630	— 846-8228
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Condit, Adrian, 1816 Gail Court, Ceres 95307	—537-6932
Condit, E. B., 171 Hollis Ave., Apt. 7, Campbell 95008	— 379-7723
Coffey, Rufus, P. O. Box 1988, Nashville, Tennessee	
Farmer, Shelby, 626 Odin Dr., Pleasant Hill 94523	— 686-3954
Ferguson, A. F., 30376 Richland Dr., Shafter 93263	— 746-6441
Hames, Claudie, 930 Exchange, Bakersfield 93307	— 325-6532
Harris, Charles, 5570 Olinda Rd., El Sobrante 94803	— 223-8782
Hunt, Tom, 5433 Orchard, Montclair	— 984-0260
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Mayhew, Archie, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tenn	
McAlister, Doice, 2217 Geer Road, Turlock 95380	
Mooneyham, Joe, 3400 Faith Home Road, Ceres 95307	— 537-9424
Mullins, Clifford, 230 W. Palm, Exeter 93221	— 592-4705
Norie, Roy, Jr., 106 N. Van Buren, Taft	— 765-0428
Pusley, Garrett, 1238 Circle Drive, Salinas 93901	
Rial, Leonard, 1309 4th Street, Wasco	— 758-2244
Roam, Charles, 10681 Highland Ave., Selma 93662	— 896-3394
Roberts, W. T., 807 Acacia St., Modesto 95351	
Rolen, Lonnie L., 2913 E. Northdale, Fresno 93726	— 229-2203
Savage, Graeme, 923 Russell, Clovis	— 229-3080
Simmons, Lowell R., 898 Liberty Road, Petaluma 94952	
Webb, Jerry, 706 No. 2nd St., Lompoc	— RE6-7087
Williams, Jack L., 4881 E. University Ave., Fresno 93703	—251-7234
Wright, Oscar, 309 Cross Ave., Salinas 93901	758-3616
Yandell, DeArthur, 219 South "A" St., Tulare 93274	— 686-8251
Yandell, L. A., 1869 Elderwood Dr., Concord 94520	
Yound, Carl K., 200 Ely Blvd. So., Petaluma 94952	— 763-1865

## LICENSED MINISTERS

Ronald Young, 3421 E. McKinley Apt. 1, Fresno 93703	— 485-7706
Vern Gunnels, 533 N. 6th St., Fresno	— 268-6890
Darwin Kelton, 4318 E. Tyler, Fresno	— 251-0227
Carl Gray, 3725 Jamestown, Freemont	— 657-2792

## DEACON'S ROLL

Ashford, Gilbert R., 3773 Santa Rita Dr., Concord 94520	
Austin, C. O.	222-1649
Bentley, Lloyd, 300 Aladdin Drive, Anaheim	
Brownlee, J. T., 819 Scenic Ave., Santa Rosa	— 546-1511
Burger, Leroy, 3222 8th Street, Ceres 95307	
Cluck, D. J., 407 Mark, Shafter 93263	
Conner, Pete, 2540 Wimbledon, Napa 94558	— 226-5921
Cremeen, Obie, 5058 Bonwell Dr., Concord	
Floyd, E. L., 340 Rowland Ave., Modesto 95351	— 523-4856
Gates, Roy, 858 N. Rancho Rd., El Sobrante	
Goforth, Everett S., 313 Vallejo St., Petaluma 94952	
Halleman, Herbert C., 2823 Royal Oaks Drive, Visalia 93277	
Hershman, 1833 Landan Drive, Concord	
Kemp, Rodney, 15341 West "C" Street, Kerman 93630	
Kennedy, Paul, 940 Juanita Dr., El Sobrante	
King, D. L., 30203 Road 192, Exeter	
McAlister, Jarrel, 210 South Orange, Turlock	
Skinner, G. D., 5065 Bonwell Drive, Concord	
Smith, John B., 457 Hood Street, Arvin	
Stevens, Royce, 4047 E. Huntington Blvd., Fresno 93702	— 251-8127



## STATISTICAL REPORT OF AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS

ASSOCIATIONS	Golden Gate	Center	Southern	West Coast	Total
Churches	34	10	16	16	76
Membership	1,771	702	1,096	831	4,400
Members - Resident	1,605	502	879	699	3,685
Members - Non-Resident	166	200	217	132	715
Members Received	197	114	123	142	576
Members Dismissed	300	105	78	102	585
Deceased	14	5	15	4	38
Ordained Ministers	63	28	31	24	146
Licensed Ministers	22	13	4	10	49
Deacons	101	28	53	35	217
Sunday Schools	34	10	16	16	76
Sunday School Enrollment	2,233	648	1,089	1,004	4,974
C. T. S.	12	6	10	11	39
C. T. S. Enrollment	349	177	283	361	1,170
Woman's Auxiliaries	15	7	10	12	44
Auxiliary Membership	164	59	113	51	387
Master's Men	3	1	2	2	8
Prayer Meetings	33	10	16	16	75
Parsonages	13	4	10	6	33

# FINANCIAL REPORT OF AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS

ASSOCIATIONS	Golden Gate	Center	Southern	West Coast	Total
Total Offering Received	\$314,724.19	\$78,100.93	\$145,907.74	\$155,818.25	\$694,551.00
Pastor's Salary	81,467.23	28,653.86	46,560.65	46,412.87	203,095.00
Evangelistic Work	4,288.89	726.03	1,293.93	872.10	7,181.00
Building, Repairs	62,397.63	16,256.93	24,550.76	41,510.00	144,716.00
Literature	11,398.66	3,206.05	4,827.47	4,677.36	24,109.00
Advertising	1,197.14	250.61	148.44	61.09	1,657.00
Miscellaneous	35,835.87	12,374.15	16,549.39	19,431.75	84,191.00
Other	78,123.06		23,494.49	19,693.06	121,310.00
Total Local Expenses	296,587.35	61,467.63	120,850.13	132,658.23	611,563.00
Cooperative Plan	8,122.88	890.45	3,710.56	5,026.68	17,751.00
Foreign Missions	15,769.31	2,148.75	4,374.47	3,448.33	25,740.00
Home Missions	2,853.14	401.22	1,302.55	451.10	5,008.00
Education	9,773.68	2,605.95	5,566.24	1,906.96	19,853.00
Superannuation				18.00	18.00
Associated Projects	1,157.90	335.50	1,349.50	1,389.05	4,232.00
State and National Projects	1,227.11	310.00	491.44		2,028.00
Other	2,015.67	480.14	813.57	638.65	3,949.00
Total Outside Expense	40,081.49	7,172.01	67,703.05	12,878.77	127,835.00
Value of Church Property	1,204,300.00	317,100.00	592,200.00	631,800.00	2,745,400.00
Value of Parsonage Property	253,507.47	23,400.00	118,000.00	75,000.00	469,907.00

## MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION OF CALIFORNIA STATE C.T.S. RALLY

April 24, 25, 1970

Competitive activities began at 6:00 P.M. Friday. The winner for the semi-finals for Tic-Tac-Toe was Memorial Church Team of Center District and the winner of Bible Bowl was Petaluma Church Team of Golden Gate District.

At 8:00 P.M. worship services opened with singing led by Ron Young. Special music was given by Darwin Kelton. The speaker was the Rev. Jack Williams, Dean of California Christian College. His subject was "Love Constraineth Us." with II Cor. 5:14 as his text.

Following the worship services a forum with ministers, teachers, laymen and youth was held regarding problems of today's youth. A film "Through Gates of Splendor" was shown.

### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The Saturday morning session began at 8:15 A.M. with singing led by Ron Young. Sword Drill contestants were Jennifer Dillon (West Coast), Cindy Culbreth (Golden Gate), and Brenda York (Center). The contestants for declamation were Pamela Johnson (Center) for Adventurers and Debbie Jernigan (Center) and Hazel Jones (Golden Gate) for Crusaders.

Business session began with the minutes being read and accepted. Letters from district conventions were read and accepted.

Committees were appointed as follows:

**FINANCE**—Linda Scroglin, Bentrena Johnson, Steve Albright, Mike Wade and Rev. Roy Norie.

**NOMINATING**—Dave Taylor, Ron Briscoe, Glenda Saulsbury, L. T. Reddick and Don Woodall.

**RESOLUTION**—Marvin Canon, Tim Rolen, Don Rowlett, Don Eslinger, and Bill Maxey.

President Richard Kennedy gave a report on selling pens for raising money for the expense of the contestants to the National C.T.S. Convention. Motion carried that this project be adopted. The president of each district will be in charge of the pens and collecting the money which is to be sent to the state treasurer in June.

Motion carried that no one can be elected to an office unless present at the rally.

The Worship Hour began with the singing led by Ron Young. Choirs from Sherwood Forest Church and Village Chapel presented the special music. The Rev. Dean Moore, Richmond brought the message.

At the afternoon session the following officers were elected:

President—Richard Kennedy  
Vice President—Ron Young  
Recording Secretary—Pam Kennedy  
Corresponding Secretary—Janice Rolen  
Treasurer—Debbie Jernigan  
Competitive Activities Director—L. T. Reddick  
Song Leader—Gary Williams  
Pianist—Donna Van Horn  
Sponsors—Dock and Norma Caton

Report of Resolution Committee was read and accepted as follows:

- 1.—That each district appoint committee members before the state rally.
- 2.—1970 Bible Bowl be double elimination.
- 3.—Outgoing officers be given a standing vote of thanks.

The following report of the Finance Committee was read and accepted:

- 1.—Dues to the state rally be 50¢ per member.
- 2.—Trophies and medals be given to competitive activities winners at the state rally.
- 3.—\$150.00 be set aside for any expense necessary for National C.T.S. Convention.
- 4.—\$.06 mileage expense be paid to officers for attending meetings.

Motion carried to give \$100.00 to California Christian College for the new dormitory.

Motion carried to choose judges from districts that do not have teams competing.

Motion carried to pay \$40.00 for printing of minutes in the State Association Minutes.

Competitive activities final winners were:

Sword Drill—Brenda York, Memorial Church, Center District.

Adventurer Declamation—Pam Johnson, Memorial Church, Center District.

Tic-Tac-Toe-Team—Memorial Church, Center District.

Bible Bowl Team—Petaluma Church, Golden Gate District.

Crusader Declamation—Debbie Jernigan, Memorial Church, Center District.

C.T.S. scholarships were given to Donna Van Horn and Mike Culbreth.

Officers were installed by Darwin Kelton.

Rally was adjourned

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Kennedy



**MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL  
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION**

**April 11, 1970**

**California Christian College**

**Fresno, California**

**THEME:—"Fruitful Unto Every Good Work" John 15:16.**

The Twenty-second annual Woman's Auxiliary Convention opened with singing "The Call of Reapers" led by Janis Williams, accompanied by Mary Alice Bridgman. Prayer by Helen Hames.

The welcome was given by Winnie McLain and the response by Dorothy Cluck. Mary Kelton gave the devotional using Galatians 5:22.

President Marie Roberts called the business meeting to order. The following committees were appointed.

**REGISTRATION**

Mary Kelton  
Francis Van Horn

**CREDENTIAL**

Alice Royster  
Lou Groves  
Winnie McLain  
Goldie Priest

**FINANCE**

Bentrena Johnson  
Helen Hames  
June Rolen  
Verna Bradshaw

**RESOLUTION**

Alma Johns  
Clifford Wright  
Yvonne Brown  
Nancy Harris  
Kathy Roam

**PLACEMENT**

Sue Barnhart  
Ruth Walker  
Winnie Yandell

**APPRECIATION**

Barbara Moody  
Lizzie Stiggins  
Deanna McAlister

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given and motion carried to adopt it.

A letter of appreciation was read from Cleo Pursell, WNAC Executive Secretary of Nashville, Tennessee.

June Rolen gave a report of information regarding the plans for entertaining the National Auxiliary Convention in Fresno in July.

The Student Loan Report was given by Winnie McLain. Lois Miller was elected as 5 year member of Student Loan Committee.

Dismissed by the Rev. W. T. Roberts.

## WORSHIP HOUR

Services opened by congregational singing "Bringing in the Sheaves" directed by Janis Williams and accompanied by Mary Bridgman. Invocation by the Rev. Don Robirds, Missionary to Brazil.

Mary Alice Bridgman sang "Nothing But Leaves" accompanied by Glenda Hanks. California Christian College Sextet sang "Blowing in the Wind" and "To Know Him Is To Love Him."

The Rev. Archie Mayhew, Missionary to Africa, brought the morning message using John 15:16 and Galatians 5:17 for his text and "Fruits of the Spirit" as his topic.

An offering was received and offeratory prayer was given by the Rev. Charles Harris.

Benediction and blessing on the noon meal was given by the Rev. Roy Norie.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

Services were opened with congregation singing "Must I Go Empty Hnaded?"

Prayer by Amy Thomas.

Special music was given by the Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Roberts and Ruth Walker singing "I Am A Commissioned Worker" and the Rev. Don Robirds singing "Ship Ahoy."

Sarah Mayhew, Missionary to Africa, gave a devotional using the scriptures John 15:1-8. Carol Robirds, Missionary to Brazil, gave a short talk using I Cor. 1 and Phil. 1:6.

Committee reports were given as follows:

**STUDENT LOAN FUND**—Motion carried to receive. Upon approval two loans were granted in December, one to Bill Johnson for \$325.00 and one to Sandra Jones for \$325.00. Only \$115.00 was received this year from district auxiliaries. The state treasurer's report contains the financial report.

**REGISTRATION**—Motion carried to receive. We report the following present: Southern - 27, Center - 31, Golden Gate - 37, Visitors - 24, Ministers - 13, Total - 132.

**CREDENTIAL**—Motion carried to receive. We the Credential Committee have examined the individual letters and find all to be in order and all dues paid.

**FINANCE**—Motion carried to accept.

1. We recommend that we pay for the badges, flowers, and miscellaneous items for the National Auxiliary Convention and purchase two lavender sheets for tables and same to be given to Shirley Combs after convention.
2. We recommend that today's offering be given to the Mayhews and \$100.00 from the treasury be given to their account.

3. We recommend that \$30.00 be given for printing of the minutes with the State Association Minutes.
4. We recommend that 75 hymnals be purchased for California Christian College to be used at all state meetings.
5. We recommend that each district represent with \$1.25 per member to the state convention, \$1.00 for WNAC dues and \$ .25 for state expenses.

**RESOLUTION—Motion carried to accept.**

1. We recommend that we keep our State Auxiliary Convention centrally located within the state.
2. We recommend that the secretary and treasurer mimeograph copies of the district reports to distribute to the congregation.
3. Be it resolved that the state officers find out why we are not better informed of the missionaries itineraries when they are in the state.
4. Be it resolved that the state auxiliary convention consider a state project.

**PLACEMENT—Motion carried to adopt.**

We recommend that the State Auxiliary Convention convene with the Village Chapel Church, 1825 N. Central Avenue, Ceres, in 1971.

**APPRECIATION—Motion carried to adopt.**

1. We recommend that a vote of thanks be given to the California Christian College for the use of the chapel and for the hospitality and delicious lunch.
2. We recommend that a vote of thanks be given the missionaries for their inspiring messages and to Marie Roberts for the corsages she made for each state and district officer.

The following were elected as delegates to National Auxiliary Convention: Ruth Walker, Clifford Wright, Joyce Dunn, Pat Smtih, June Rolen, Mary Alice Bridgman, Yvonne Brown, Lydeen York, Florence Sharp, Kathy Roam, Mary Kelton, Charlotte Groves, Marjorie Kennedy, Barbara McAlister and Winnie McLain.

Motion carried to meet Saturday, April 3, 1971.

Marie Roberts was elected to represent California on the Nominating Committee of the National Women's Auxiliary Convention.

Benediction by the Rev. C. E. Hames.

Marie Roberts, President  
Dorothy Wood, Recording Secretary

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Intrductory sermon.
2. House called to order by moderator.
3. Letters called for, or read, and received.
4. Right hand of fellowship and seating of delegates.
5. Petitionary letters called for.
6. Reading of 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.



**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS  
CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION  
OF  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

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

**ARTICLE 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 affiliate 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.

Representatives in this Association shall be by affiliated Associations. Each affiliated Association shall be entitled to one (1) delegate per each fifty (50) members. Each affiliate 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 letter and fees as set 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 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 officers meeting shall keep accurate minutes of their meetings and shall make these minutes available for reading at the request of the Association.

The standing boards of this Association shall be:

1. A Mission Board.
2. A California Christian College Board Of Trustees.
3. A Board Of Christian Education.
4. A Bookstore Board Of Trustees.

There shall be a General Board elected annually as may be determined 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 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 Christian conduct are being pressed shall be suspended fellowship or against whom charges of heresy or unfrom 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 charge 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 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 the 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 any 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 Association, 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 to 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 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 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 disburse 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 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 or other publication.

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 chairman 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 from, or within, an affiliated Association, this Committee shall serve as mediatorial committee. This Committee shall have no dictatorial powers whatever, but shall be 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 question 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 ap-



peal 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. California Christian College Board of Trustees.** The California Christian College Board of Trustees 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 unit until this body meets in session and fills the vacancy.

The Board of Trustees 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 Baptist" 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 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 the other denominational academic institutions.

**J. The Board of Christian Education.** The Board of Christian Education 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 Christian Education shall endeavor to establish and maintain high standard Sunday Schools in the churches within the structure of this Association. In accomplishing this, the Board shall offer incinitive material for teacher training, attendance building, and general assistance to all Sunday Schools of this Association.

This Board shall devise and offer such materials as are acceptable to this Asociation to the Sunday Schools and C.T.S. groups. 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.

This Board shall be charged with the responsibility of conducting and promoting a Sunday School Convention in each of the affiliate Associations with appropriate speakers and workshops.

It shall further be the duty of this Board to work with the officers of the State C.T.S. Rally in planning and promoting the annual State C.T.S. Rally.

An annual report of meetings, finances, conventions and all activities shall be made at the State 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 term of office shall be staggered from one to five years so arranged that one member shall be eleceted 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 proceedures 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 shal 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 bylaws 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 by Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from sinful amusement 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 Saviur, 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 we are able, to promote the success of the church and 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 for the salvation 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 until 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 things 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 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, Judgement, 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."