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225 East Orangeburg Avenue
Modesto, California 95350
June 14-16, 1973

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OFFICERS

Moderator	Rev. Edward Johns	
	1908 Stanley Avenue, Corcoran, CA 93212	992-4736
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Jack L. Williams	
	4881 East University, Fresno, CA 93703	251-7234
Clerk-Treasurer	Mrs. June Rolen	
	2913 East Northdale, Fresno, CA 93726	229-2203
Assistant Clerk-Treasurer	Mrs. Nettie Lou Jernigan	
	4881 East University, Fresno, CA 93703	251-9639

OFFICES

Executive Department Office --		
	2913 East Northdale, Fresno, CA 93726	229-1398
California Christian College --		
	4881 East University, Fresno, CA 93703	251-4215

GENERAL BOARD

Rev. Edward Johns	1908 Stanley Ave., Corcoran, CA 93212	992-4736
Mrs. June Rolen	2913 E. Northdale, Fresno, CA 93726	229-2203
Rev. Edwin Wade	8782 Lampson, Garden Grove, CA 92641	539-2324
Rev. DeArthur Yandell	219 So. "A" St., Tulare, CA 93274	686-8251
Rev. Lonnie L. Rolen	2913 E. Northdale, Fresno, CA 93726	229-2203
Rev. Carl Young	200 Ely Blvd. So., Petaluma, CA 94952	763-1865
Rev. Gordon Bradshaw	406 Acacia Rd., Santa Paula, CA 93060	525-7547
Mr. Fred Session	3316 Monterey, Bakersfield, CA 93306	366-5147
Rev. Doice McAlister	2217 Geer Rd., Turlock, CA 95380	632-0404

CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Rev. Bill Maxey (West Coast)	9 years
1049 West 149th Street, Gardena, CA 90247	532-2860
Rev. Claudie Hames (Southern)	8 years
930 Exchange, Bakersfield, CA 93307	325-6532
Mr. Royce Stevens (Center)	7 years
4047 East Huntington Boulevard, Fresno, CA 93702	251-8127
Rev. Charles Roam (Center)	6 years
1140 Green Street, Salinas, CA 93901	758-3616
Rev. E. B. Condit (Golden Gate) - (Clerk)	5 years
1869 Elderwood Drive, Concord, CA 94520	687-4863
Mr. Bill Hershman (Golden Gate)	4 years
1833 Landana Drive, Concord, CA 94520	686-2546
Rev. Dale Vanderburg (Southern)	3 years
114 East Ivy, Hanford, CA 93230	584-6758
Rev. Carl Young (At Large)	2 years
200 Ely Boulevard South, Petaluma, CA 94952	763-1865
Rev. Gordon Bradshaw (West Coast) - (Chairman)	1 year
406 Acacia Road, Santa Paula, CA 93060	525-7547

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

Mr. August Culver (West Coast)	5 years
1394 Detrouite Street, Norco, CA 91760	735-6697
Mr. Ernie Miller (Center) - (Clerk-Treasurer)	4 years
P. O. Box 142, Kerman, CA 93630	846-8143
Rev. M. J. Wilson (Southern)	3 years
8875 South Union Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93307	831-3639
Mr. Fred Session (At Large) - (Chairman)	2 years
3316 Monterey, Bakersfield, CA 93306	366-5147
Rev. Jay Constant (Northern)	1 year
179 El Cerrito Way, Vacaville, CA 95688	446-0608

MISSION BOARD

Rev. Bob Thomas (West Coast)	5 years
11242 Ferina, Norwalk, CA 90650	864-1115
Rev. Doice McAlister (At Large) - (Chairman)	4 years
2217 Geer Road, Turlock, CA 95380	632-0404
Rev. Adrian Condit (Golden Gate) - (Clerk-Treasurer)	3 years
1816 Gail Court, Ceres, CA 95307	537-6932
Rev. Jerry Watson (Center)	2 years
4415 Damsen Lane, Visalia, CA 93277	732-7856
Rev. Ron Young (Southern)	1 year
106 North Van Buren, Taft, CA 93268	765-6428

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Rev. Edwin Wade	539-2324
8782 Lampson, Garden Grove, CA 92641	
Rev. Claudie Hames	325-6532
930 Exchange, Bakersfield, CA 93307	
Rev. Nuel Brown	846-8228
775 South Second Street, Kerman, CA 93630	
Rev. Ronn Jackson	523-8572
232 Dawn Drive, Modesto, CA 95350	
Rev. H. D. Gentry	462-2816
1914 South Adelbert, Stockton, CA 95205	
Mr. Steve Sykes	234-0773
2169 First Avenue, Apt. 1, San Diego, CA 92101	

PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY EVENING SERVICE

Theme -- "The All Sufficient Grace"

The Twenty-Ninth Annual Session of the California State Association of Free Will Baptists was opened in Village Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, 1825 North Central Avenue, Ceres, California with the congregation singing "Amazing Grace" directed by Darwin Kelton, Clovis, accompanied by Larry Condit at the piano and Gertrude Lady at the organ. Prayer by the Rev. Gordon Bradshaw, Santa Paula. The congregation sang "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart".

The Association was called into official session and the Assistant Moderator was introduced by the Clerk, Mrs. June Rolen. The Rev. Jack Williams challenged the congregation to work and worship as our forefathers had.

Special music was rendered by Darwin Kelton, Clovis, Gary Williams, Bakersfield, Bob Thomas, Norwalk. They sang "The Eastern Gate", "I Will Serve Thee" and "The Holy Hills".

The Rev. Edward Johns, Corcoran, brought the message, "Sufficient Because of the Source", using John 1:14-17.

Committee on Committees was appointed as follows: Adrian Condit - Chairman, Richard Kennedy, Carl Young, Loyd Reddick and Lonnie Rolen.

Benediction by the Rev. H. D. Gentry, Elmwood.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The session opened with singing "Amazing Grace", directed by Darwin Kelton, Clovis, accompanied by Marian Smith, Village Chapel, at the piano and Larry Condit at the organ. Prayer by the Rev. Charles Roam, Selma. Congregation sang "Redeemed".

Devotional thoughts were given by Vernon Jones, El Sobrante, using I Corinthians 15:10a, "But by the grace of God I am what I am."

Welcome to Ceres was given by Mr. Gary Condit, a member of the Ceres City Council.

Motion carried to adopt the program with the time flexible.

Letters from the Center, Golden Gate, Southern 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. Jack Williams, Assistant Moderator.

The Moderator welcomed the visitors, Rev. Rufus Coffey, Rev. Malcolm Fry, Rev. Roy Thomas, Rev. Francis Boyle, Nashville, Tennessee, Rev. Jesse Dunn, Boise, Idaho, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wright, Greenville, Tenn., Dr. Daniel Parker, Howe, Idaho, and Rev. John Smith, Fresno.

Two petitionary letters for membership were read from San Diego District Association and Northern California Association. Motion carried to accept these letters and seat the delegates. Motion carried that a seven member committee be elected for one year to study the constitution and make recommendations that will reapportion the representation on the various boards so that the total membership be equally served and that the election of board members from new associations be deferred for one year.

Those elected to the seven member study committee were Bob Martin, San Diego District; Robert Riddle, West Coast; Edward Johns, Southern; Wade Jernigan, Center; Joe Grizzle and Doice McAlister, Golden Gate; and Winston Lawless, Northern Association.

Motion carried that the Moderator serve as Chairman of the Constitutional Study Committee.

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

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

June Rolen, State Treasurer, gave the report of State Treasurer. Motion carried to accept the report. (See Digest of Reports.)

The Rev. Malcolm Fry gave a report from the Church Training Service Department of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

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

Dismissed by the Rev. Oscar Wright, Salinas.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Services opened with singing "Wonderful Grace of Jesus". Prayer by the Rev. Gene Rogers, Oxnard. Congregation sang, "I Would Not Be Denied".

Special music was rendered by a trio consisting of Darwin Kelton,

Gary Williams and Bob Thomas, "The Eastern Gate"; "This Is What Heaven Means to Me". The Roy Thomas family sang, "God's Amazing Grace" and "The Old Rugged Cross Made the Difference".

The Rev. Carl Young, Petaluma, brought the message using II Timothy 1:9-10, "Sufficient Because of Its Power".

Benediction by the Rev. Francis Boyle, Nashville, Tennessee.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The session opened with singing "Amazing Grace". Prayer by Stanley Barron, Fresno. Congregation sang "He Keeps Me Singing".

Mr. Bill Airington, Corcoran, brought the devotional, using Mark 5:1-20, "The Wonderful Grace of God".

The Rev. Rufus Coffey, Executive Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists gave a resume of the National Association and the Executive Office.

The Rev. Francis Boyle, Director of Executive Church Bonds, Inc., gave an oral report of his department.

The Rev. Roy Thomas, Field Secretary of the National Home Missions Department of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, gave greetings and a report from the Home Missions and Church Extension Department. Mr. Gary Wright, from the Free Will Baptist Home for Children, Greenville, Tennessee, gave an oral report of the Home.

An oral report of the General Board Meeting was given by the Moderator, Rev. Edward Johns.

Report of State Mission Board was given by Chairman, Doice McAlister. Motion carried to accept the report. (See Digest of Reports.)

Report of California Christian College was given by the Rev. Wade Jernigan, President, and E. B. Condit, Chairman of California Christian College Board of Trustees. Motion carried to accept the reports. (See Digest of Reports.)

The report of the Board of Christian Education was given by the Clerk, Mrs. June Rolen, as the members were absent. Motion carried to accept the report. (See Digest of Reports.)

The resignation of John W. Young from the Board of Christian Education was read and accepted.

The Clerk read a letter of information and appreciation to the State

Association from the North Modesto Free Will Baptist Church.

Benediction by Rev. Richard Kennedy.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

The service opened with singing "Wonderful Grace of Jesus", "We're Marching to Zion". Prayer by the Rev. Robert Riddle, Bell Gardens.

The Chairman of the State Mission Board, the Rev. Doice McAlister, introduced the various missionaries: Johnie Hale, Airport Free Will Baptist Mission, Anderson; Jesse Dunn, Boise, Idaho; Gary Wright, Tennessee; Larry and Joanie Condit, short-term missionaries to Japan; David and Taiko Uchikoshi of Japan.

A convention offering of \$126.00 was received. Offertory prayer by the Rev. DeArthur Yandell, Tulare.

The Village Chapel Choir rendered special music, "Jesus Is The Joy of Living" and "At Calvary". A quartet from Village Chapel sang "Unbounded Grace", "The Highest Hill". The Rev. Malcolm Fry, Nashville, Tennessee sang a solo, "Grace So Amazing".

The Rev. Roy Thomas brought the evening message, "Sufficient Because Of Its Nearness", using the scriptures Titus 2:11, John 1:16.

Benediction by the Rev. Adrian Condit, Village Chapel.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened with singing "Wonderful Grace of Jesus" directed by Darwin Kelton, accompanied by Marian Smith at the piano and Gertrude Lady at the organ. Prayer by the Rev. Bill Johnson, Moderator of the Idaho State Association. Congregation sang "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings".

Mr. Leon Kirk, Village Chapel, brought the devotional, "The Grace of God in Action", using John 3:16.

Special prayer for Rev. Smiley, pastor of Valley View Acres, Sacramento, on the death of his wife.

Report of Placement Committee was read and accepted. North Modesto Free Will Baptist Church was chosen as the place for the next association. (See Reports.)

Reports of Temperance and Obituary Committees were read and accepted. (See Reports.)

Resolution Committee report was read and received to be voted on item by item. Item No. 1 was laid on the table. Item No. 2 was carried. (See Reports.)

Finance Committee report was read and received to be voted on item by item. All items carried. (See Reports.)

Motion carried to remove from the table Resolution No. 1. After discussion, Item No. 1a and b were tabled until 1973 session of the association and Item No. 1c lost. (See Reports.)

The Publication Committee report was read and accepted to be voted on item by item. Items No. 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 carried. Item No. 3 lost. (See Reports.)

General Board members were elected as follows: Edwin Wade (West Coast), Edward Johns (Southern), Lonnie Rolen (Center), and Carl Young (Golden Gate).

College Board of Trustees members were elected. Nine year - Bill Maxey, four year - Bill Hershman, and one year - Gordon Bradshaw.

The Rev. Bob Thomas was elected as five year member on State Mission Board.

Motion carried that a Program Committee of one from each association be elected. Those elected were: Edwin Wade (West Coast), Claudie Hames (Southern), Nuel Brown (Center), Ronn Jackson (Golden Gate), H.D. Gentry (Northern), and Steve Sykes (San Diego).

Delegates elected to the National Association were Clifford Wright, Kenneth Reed, June Rolen, Darwin Kelton and Donna Wade.

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

State Association officers were elected as follows: Moderator - Edward Johns, Assistant Moderator - Jack L. Williams, Clerk-Treasurer - June Rolen, and Assistant Clerk-Treasurer - Nettie Lou Jernigan.

The Rev. Edward Johns resigned as General Board member from Southern Association and the Rev. DeArthur Yandell was elected.

Motion was made to suspend the rules and the Rev. Jay Constant be permitted to be seated as a member of the Christian Education Board. Carried.

Motion carried to adjourn.

SATURDAY ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Opened by singing "Amazing Grace" led by Darwin Kelton, accompanied by Marian Smith at the piano and Gertrude Lady at the organ. Prayer by the Rev. Ron Young, Taft. Congregation sang, "There Is Power in the Blood".

Special singing was rendered by the Second Milers Quartet, "Jesus Is Coming Soon", "Who Am I", "Oh, What He's Done For Me!", and "His Grace Reaches Me".

The Rev. Adrian Condit, Village Chapel, brought the message, "Sufficient Because of Its Abiding and Abounding Effectiveness", Romans 5:20-21.

Benediction by the Rev. Malcolm Fry.

REPORTS

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

RESOLUTION

Claudie Hames
Bill Arrington
Royce Stevens
Gordon Bradshaw
James Clark

FINANCE

Joe Grizzle
Doice McAlister
Charles Roam
Robert Riddle
DeArthur Yandell

PUBLICATION

Wade Jernigan
Clifford Mullins
John Young
Johnnie Hale
Bob Thomas

OBITUARY

Elaine Reed
Mamie Kennedy
Gladys Stevens
Linda Young
Gladys Bradshaw

PLACEMENT

Jack Williams
Ron Young
Vernon Jones
Edwin Wade
Jesse Plumb

TEMPERANCE

E. B. Condit
Virgil Florence
Ron Jackson
Verlin Ramsey
Nuel Brown

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

1. A. Be it resolved that the Board of Christian Education be dissolved.
TABLED June '73.
 - B. That the equipment consisting of 1 mimeograph machine, 6 projectors, 13 sets of film strips, 3 screens, 3 record players, 1 typewriter and stand, be given to California Christian College. This equipment can be checked out and used by the churches as needed.
TABLED June 1973.
 - C. The balance in the treasury and the 2% allocation from Cooperative be given to California Christian College. LOST
2. Be it resolved that this body give the host church and all that had a part in entertaining this State Association a standing vote of thanks.

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 \$55.00 be sent to the National Association for

representation fees.

3. We recommend that each district association send \$.25 per capita member for the 1973 session of the State Association.
4. We recommend that \$200.00 be paid from the state treasury to the National Home Mission and Church Extension Department for travel expense of the Rev. Roy Thomas, guest speaker.
5. We recommend that the expenses of the Constitutional Study Committee be paid from the Promotional Department treasury.
6. We recommend that the support through the Cooperative Plan be allocated as follows:

National Cooperative	25%
California Christian College	36%
State Home Mission	17%
Promotional Department	20%
Board of Christian Education	2%
TOTAL	100%

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 \$150.00 per month for his/her labors.

7. We recommend that the Friday evening missionary offering in the amount of \$126.00 be given for the account of David and Taiko Uchikoshi.

PUBLICATION COMMITTEE

1. We recommend that additional time be given to State Clerk to prepare and publish the Church and Minister's Directory.
2. We recommend that each church give serious consideration to making the Family Plan of Contact a part of their literature program.
3. Lost.
4. We recommend that the Editor give consideration to making certain issues of the "Voice" special issues as Missions, Education, etc.
5. We recommend that 500 minutes be printed.
6. We recommend that each church send its bulletin or newsweekly to the State Clerk.

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

The following churches requested the 1973 session of the State Association.

Exeter Church, Clifford Mullins, Pastor

North Modesto Church, Ron Jackson, Pastor

Memorial Church of Fresno, Lonnie Rolen, Pastor.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

1. We recommend that we adhere to and abide by our Church Covenant in its statement, "We promise to abstain from sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, for 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. We recommend 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.
3. We recommend that each pastor promote a special Temperance Service.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We report that God in His infinite wisdom has called from our midst a total of 17 of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Two ordained ministers, the Rev. W. A. Huddleston 96 years of age and the Rev. James Love 23 years of age were among the number.

MINISTERS WHO REGISTERED

Arnold, John	Brooke, Ca 95606	795-3251
Boyle, F. W.	P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tenn. 37202	
Bradshaw, Gordon	406 Acacia Rd., Santa Paula, Ca. 93060	525-7547
Burgess, Chester	P. O. Box 326, College City, Ca. 95931	476-2644
Butler, Jeff	3235 Orange St., National City, Ca. 92050	477-3338
Brown, Nuel	775 S. 2nd St., Kerman, Ca. 93630	846-8228
Callison, W. H.	422 Edwards, Winters, Ca. 95694	795-2149
Clark, James F.	106 S. 3rd St., Campbell, Ca. 95008	379-1682
Colcleasure, Norman	1143 Dublin Ave., Livermore, Ca. 94550	
Coffey, Rufus	P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tenn. 37202	
Condit, Adrian	1816 Gail Ct., Ceres, Ca. 95307	537-6932
Condit, E. B.	1869 Elderwood Dr., Concord, Ca. 94520	687-4863
Condit, Larry	3832 Whitney, Sacramento, Ca. 95821	
Constant, Jay W.	178 El Cerrito Way, Vacaville, Ca. 95688	448-9617
Dunn, Jesse	3967 Pershing Drive, Boise, Idaho 83705	
Florence, Virgil	8647 Cedar, Sp 5, Bellflower, Ca. 90706	633-3020
Fry, Malcolm C.	P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tenn. 37202	
Gentry, Horace	1914 S. Adelbert, Stockton, Ca. 95206	462-2816
Grizzle, Joe	5570 Olinda Rd., El Sobrante, Ca. 94803	223-8782
Groves, Robert L.	1141 Vermont, Turlock, Ca. 95380	
Gunnels, Vern, Jr.	10681 S. Highland, Selma, Ca. 93662	896-3394
Hale, Johnie	P. O. Box 1066, Anderson, Ca. 96007	365-3959
Hames, Claudie	930 Exchange, Bakersfield, Ca. 93307	325-6532
Hamilton, Jay	1178 Brookside Ln., Lincoln, Ca.	
Harris, Charles	4464 N. Duke, Fresno, Ca. 93727	291-3839
Hunt, Tom	30376 Richland Dr., Shafter, Ca. 93263	746-6441
Jackson, Ronn	232 Dawn Dr., Modesto, Ca. 95350	523-8572
Jernigan, Wade T.	4881 E. University, Fresno, Ca. 93703	251-9639
Johns, Edward	1908 Stanley Ave., Corcoran, Ca. 93212	992-4736
Johnson, Bill	820 S. Cleveland, Jerome, Idaho 83338	324-5581
Jordan, Ralph	P. O. Box 305, Olivehurst, Ca. 95961	742-4226
Keeny, A. E.	4406 E. Section Ave., Stockton, Ca. 95204	465-3108
Kennedy, Richard	1213 Vista St., Bakersfield, Ca. 93306	325-3404
Lawless, Winston	432 Bermuda Way, Modesto, Ca. 95350	524-0129
Ledbetter, J. B.	28700 S. Tracy Blvd., Tracy, Ca.	835-2000
Leeds, Robert	782 Orange Ave., Arvin, Ca. 93203	774-5909
Martin, Bobby	632 Colorado Ave., Chula Vista, Ca. 92010	420-9465
McAlister, Doice	2217 Geer Road, Turlock, Ca. 95380	632-0404
Mize, Edward	5822 Riverside, Marysville, Ca. 95901	742-1105
Mooneyham, Joe	3400 Faith Home Road, Ceres, Ca. 95307	537-9424
Moore, Dean	1725 Lincoln Ave., Richmond, Ca. 94801	235-6966
Mullins, Clifford	230 W. Palm, Exeter, Ca. 93221	592-4705
Parker, Dr. Daniel	Howe, Idaho	
Pierce, Robert	27242 Ave. 13, Madera, Ca. 93636	

Ramsey, G. B.	1814 Evergreen, Selma, Ca. 93662	896-5935
Ramsey, Verlin	807 Acacia, Modesto, Ca. 95351	524-9613
Reddick, James C.	223 S. 5th St., Blythe, Ca. 92225	922-3948
Reddick, Loyd	6318 1/4 Santa Fe, Huntington Park, Ca. 90255	587-4444
Rial, Leonard	P.O. Box 764, Earlimart, Ca. 93219	849-3394
Riddle, Robert	7231 Granger, Bell Gardens, Ca. 90201	927-3092
Roam, Charles	1140 Green St., Salinas, Ca. 93901	758-3616
Rogers, Gene	911 N. "G" St., Oxnard, Ca. 93030	483-5764
Rolen, Lonnie L.	2913 E. Northdale, Fresno, Ca. 93726	229-2203
Smith, John B., Jr.	5214 E. Thomas, Fresno, Ca. 93727	251-5711
Stutz, John	225 1/2 N. Fremont, Manteca, Ca. 95336	823-2390
Sweeten, James E.	1122 Maple, Turlock, Ca. 95380	632-4779
Thomas, Bob	11242 Ferina, Norwalk, Ca. 90650	864-1115
Thomas, Roy	P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tenn. 37202	
Wade, Edwin L.	8782 Lampson, Garden Grove, Ca. 92641	539-2324
Webb, Jerry	11641 S. Gearhart, Fresno, Ca. 93703	268-5934
William, Jack L.	4881 E. University, Fresno, Ca. 93703	251-7234
Wright, Oscar (now deceased)		
	1140 Green St., Salinas, Ca. 93901	758-3616
Yandell, DeArthur	237 South "A" St., Tulare, Ca. 93274	686-8251
Young, Carl K.	200 Ely Blvd., South, Petaluma, Ca. 94952	763-1865
Young, Ron	106 Van Buren, Taft, Ca. 93268	765-6428

STATISTICAL REPORT OF AFFILIATED ASSOCIATION

Associations	Center	Golden Gate	Northern California	San Diego District	Southern	West Coast	Total
Churches	11	27	7	2	16	14	77
Membership	747	1718	293	40	1155	743	4696
Members - Resident	502	1718	287	28	989	743	4267
Members - Non Resident	245		6	12	166	0	429
Members Received	152		57	8	142	137	496
Members Dismissed	59		11	10	135	87	292
Deceased	5		3	0	6	3	17
Ordained Ministers	24	49	14	3	31	22	143
Licensed Ministers	11	15	1		5	14	46
Deacons	29	77	17		53	26	202
Sunday Schools	11	27	7	2	16	14	77
Sunday School Enrollment	595	1661	248	54	1030	651	4239
C.T.S.	4	8	4		10	8	34
C.T.S. Enrollment	374	393	50		322	219	1358
Woman's Auxiliaries	6	13	2		10	8	39
Auxiliary Membership	75	200	20		93	80	468
Master's Men	1	2	0		2	2	7
Prayer Meetings	10	27	7	2	16	13	75
Parsonages	5	13	3		11	7	39

FINANCIAL REPORT OF AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS

Associations	Center	Golden Gate	Northern California	San Diego District	Southern	West Coast	Total
Total Offerings Received	\$ 28,206	\$325,369	\$ 20,000	\$ 17,065	\$173,788	\$178,826	\$743,254
Pastor's Salary	25,764	80,813	4,834	1,176	49,386	50,053	212,026
Evangelistic Work	515	5,669	363	213	3,021	986	10,767
Building & Repair	12,766	85,159	4,147	78	26,871	24,412	153,433
Literature	2,898	13,164	1,065	133	4,989	4,471	26,720
Advertising	222				336	1,487	2,045
Miscellaneous				15,333	9,977	13,367	38,677
Other	14,469	53,582	4,834	725	19,899	38,045	131,554
Total Local Expenditures	56,636	263,646		16,970	114,480	132,824	584,556
Cooperative Plan	338	12,631	61		7,614	4,124	24,768
Foreign Missions	2,217	15,569	375	7	5,954	6,093	30,215
Home Missions	836	12,399	555		2,310	1,127	17,227
Education	1,089	12,331	590		3,930	1,149	19,089
Superannuation							
Associational Projects	350	1,645	32	158	1,461	1,927	5,573
State & National Projects	42	108	34	230	465	73	952
Other	347		95		779	3,052	4,273
Total Outside Expend.	5,219	61,722	1,815	395	22,515	17,573	109,239
Value of Church Property	203,600	1,677,100	180,500	70,000	680,700	681,931	3,493,831
Value of Parsonage Prop.	61,000	271,140	38,000		133,000		503,140

**MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF CALIFORNIA STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION**

April 8, 1972

**Village Chapel Free Will Baptist Church
Ceres, California**

**Theme: " COMPELLED BY THE SPIRIT TO SPEAK - TO SERVE - TO
SHARE. " Galatians 5:25**

The Twenty-fourth Annual Session of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention of California met with the Village Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Ceres, California on April 8, 1972 with President Mary Kelton presiding.

The convention opened with singing "Breathe On Me" led by Ruth Walker accompanied by June Rolen. Prayer by the Rev. Gene Rogers.

The welcome was given by Marilyn Combs and the response by Marge Winters.

An inspiring devotional was given by Helen Hames using the convention theme and Galatians 5:25.

The business session was called to order and the following committees were appointed:

REGISTRATION

Ruth Walker
Eleanor Gibson
Margaret Busby

FINANCE

Connie Dameron
Lou Groves
June Rolen
Mrs. O. Wright
Pam Kennedy

PLACEMENT

Lydeen York
Alma Johns

OBITUARY

Linda Young
Reba Kirk

CREDENTIALS

Dorothy Wood
Zella Ramsey
Frances Van Horn

RESOLUTION

Nettie Jernigan
Barbara McAlister
Gladys Stevens
Sue Barnhart
Phyllis Shipman

APPRECIATION

June Kennedy
Alma Stiggins
Evelyn Smith

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. A correction was made regarding the destination of Mabel Willey. She was going to Cuba and not

Panama as stated in the minutes. The minutes were approved.

A letter from Margie Hames was read regarding furniture for the Girls' Dormitory of California Christian College. Motion was made to refer the letter to the Resolution Committee. Motion carried.

Treasurer Connie Dameron gave the finance report and it was accepted as read.

Dismissed in prayer by Barbara McAlister for a short recess and coffee break.

WORSHIP HOUR

The services opened with singing "Jesus Saves" led by Ruth Walker and accompanied by June Rolen.

An offering was received with offertory prayer by Verna McCuller.

Janice Williams sang "Follow Me" and the Rev. Joe Grizzle sang "When I Can Read My Title Clear".

The Rev. Johnnie Hale, State Missionary in Redding, California, brought the message using Mark 5:18-20 as his text. He gave some insights on the progress of the mission and inspired hearts with his message.

Benediction

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session opened with singing "Send the Light" directed by Ruth Walker. Prayer by Reba Kirk.

Prayer thoughts were given by Winnie McLain as Vida Fry could not be present.

Committee reports were given as follows:

REGISTRATION - Total present - 89 with Golden Gate - 33, Southern - 10, Center - 28 and Visitors and Ministers - 18.

The report of the Credentials Committee was read and accepted.

A standing vote of thanks was given to the host church for their hospitality.

A report of the placement committee was read. The Tulare Church and the Memorial Church of Fresno requested the 1973 convention. The body voted for the next convention to meet at Memorial Church, 4141 No. Millbrook Avenue, Fresno.

The following report of the Resolution Committee was read and accepted.

1. We recommend that the body accept the recommendation of Margie Hames regarding the furniture for the lounge of the girls' dormitory which was that each local auxiliary give 1 book of Blue Chip stamps per member. Any amount of books received over the number needed for the girls' lounge would be used for furniture for the boys' lounge. 136 books are needed for the girls' lounge.
2. We recommend that a map showing the locality of the host church be mailed with the program to each local auxiliary.

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

1. We recommend that the offering of \$66.80 received today be applied to the account of the Redding Mission to help pay for the power pole on the property.
2. We recommend that \$1.00 per capita be given to the Redding Mission to pay for the blueprints for the proposed building.
3. We recommend that \$60.00 be paid for the printing of the minutes.
4. We recommend that the dues be \$1.50 per member -- \$1.00 for WNAC and \$.50 for the state.

The Student Loan Fund report was given and accepted. No student has applied for a loan this year. Sandra Jones has paid her loan in full and the balance in the treasury now is \$929.01. Mrs. Oscar Wright was retiring as a one year member of the Committee. She was elected as a five year member of the Student Loan Fund Committee.

Delegates to National Woman's Auxiliary Convention were appointed as follows: Helen Hames, Linda Young, June Kennedy, Goldie Priest, Mary Kelton, Mrs. O. Wright. Power was given to President to appoint any women as delegates that may attend the Convention.

The Rev. Wade Jernigan gave a report of California Christian College. He thanked the Woman's Auxiliary for all they have done for the school. He extended an invitation to everyone to visit the college anytime. He invited everyone to the Graduation Exercises May 12th and requested continued prayer for the school.

The Obituary Committee reported the death of Mamie Little of Center Association. A moment of silent prayer was held in remembrance of her.

The convention closed with the congregation singing "Amazing Grace".

Dorothy Wood, Recording Secretary

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1. Introductory 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.**

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 all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

We will not 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 seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle 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 Schools, 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 our 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 Scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, and obey.

3. **CHRIST.** 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.

5. **THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD.** God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of men requires.

6. **THE SINFULNESS OF MAN.** Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherit 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, sufferings, death, and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free, and is the ground of salvation by faith.

8. **THE TERMS OF SALVATION.** The conditions of salvation are:
1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and 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 dominion of sin, and becomes a child of God.
3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

9. **ELECTION.** God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of Salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.

10. **FREEDOM OF THE WILL.** The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish.

11. **SALVATION FREE.** God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.

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

13. GOSPEL ORDINANCES. BAPTISM, or the immersion of believers in water, and the LORD'S SUPPER, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel. FEET WASHING, an ordinance teaching humility, is of universal obligation, and is to be ministered to all true believers.

14. TITHING. God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel (Matt. 23:23), and the apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him" (I Cor. 16:2a).

15. THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH. The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works, and activities, and for personal communion with God.

16. RESURRECTION, JUDGMENT, AND FINAL RETRIBUTION. The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."