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Garden Grove, California 92641
June 20-22, 1974

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406 Acacia Road, Santa Paula, CA 93060	525-7547
Rev. Bill Maxey	8 Years
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Rev. Claudie Hames	7 Years
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Mr. Royce Stevens	6 Years
4047 East Huntington Blvd., Fresno, CA 93702	251-8127
Mr. Ernie Miller	5 Years
P. O. Box 142, Kerman, CA 93630	846-8143
Rev. E. B. Condit	4 Years
3919 Newcastle Road, Concord, CA 94519	825-3350
Mr. Bill Hershman	3 Years
1833 Landana Drive, Concord, CA 94520	686-2546
Rev. Dale Vanderburg	2 Years
114 East Ivy, Hanford, CA 93230	584-6758
Rev. Carl Young	1 Year
200 Ely Boulevard South, Petaluma, CA 94952	763-1865

MISSION BOARD

Rev. Johnie Hale	5 Years
P. O. Box 1066, Anderson, CA 96007	365-3959
Rev. Bob Thomas	4 Years
11242 Ferina, Norwalk, CA 90650	864-1115
Rev. Doice McAlister	3 Years
2217 Geer Road, Turlock, CA 95380	632-0404
Rev. Adrian Condit	2 Years
1816 Gail Court, Ceres, CA 92307	536-6932
Rev. Jerry Watson	1 Year
4415 Damsen Lane, Visalia, CA 93277	732-7856

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Rev. Robert Riddle	927-3092
7231 Granger, Bell Gardens, CA 90201	
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P.O. Box 326, College City, CA 95931	
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Rev. Adrian Condit	536-6932
1816 Gail Court, Ceres, CA 92307	
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2913 E. Northdale, Fresno, CA 93726	

PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY EVENING SERVICE

Theme -- "The all sufficient grace."

The Thirtieth Annual Session of the California State Association of Free Will Baptists was opened in the North Modesto Free Will Baptist Church, 225 E. Orangeburg Avenue, Modesto, California, with the congregation singing "There Is Power in the Blood", directed by Richard Kennedy, Bakersfield, accompanied by Donna Van Horn at the piano and the Rev. Larry Condit at the organ. Prayer by the Rev. Dale Vanderburg, Hanford. The congregation sang "Rescue the Perishing."

In the absence of the Clerk, the Association was called into official session by the Assistant Moderator Rev. Jack Williams who introduced the Moderator, the Rev. Edward Johns. The Moderator's message was taken from II Corinthians 8:1-12.

Special music was rendered by the Rev. Richard Kennedy, Bakersfield, singing "He is Still the King of Kings."

The Rev. Charles Harris, Fresno, brought the message, "Through Efficient Leadership," using Joshua 1:1-9.

The Committee on Committees was appointed as follows: Bob Thomas, Chairman Claudie Hames, Nuel Brown, Edwin Wade and Carl Young.

Report of the Committee on Constitutional Change was read and motion carried to table until Friday.

Recommendations from the General Board regarding constitutional change of standing boards was read and motion carried to table until Friday.

Benediction by the Rev. Larry Hampton, Fresno.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The session opened with singing "I Am Thine, O Lord," directed by Richard Kennedy, accompanied by Beryl Thompson at the piano and Vonya Jackson at the organ. Prayer by the Rev. Carl Young, Petaluma. The congregation sang "At the Cross."

Devotional thoughts were given by Fred Humphreys, Stockton, using Matthew 13:8, "Learning the Word of God."

Motion carried to adopt the program with the time flexible.

The Moderator welcomed the visitors, the Rev. Robert Shockey, Director of National Home Mission and Church Extension Department, the Rev. Malcolm Fry, Director of Church Training Service, and the Rev. Don

Robirds, Director of Communication for Foreign Mission Department, Nashville, Tennessee.

Letters from the Northern, Golden Gate, Center, Southern, West Coast and San Diego 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.

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

June Rolen, Clerk-Treasurer, gave the report of the associational treasury. Motion carried to accept the report. (Digest of Reports)

Motion carried to remove the report of the Constitutional Committee from the table. The report was rejected.

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

Dismissed by the Rev. Gordon Bradshaw, Santa Paula.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Service opened with singing "There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood." Prayer by the Rev. Johnie Hale, Anderson.

The Rev. Joe Grizzle, El Sobrante, sang "My Wonderful Lord."

The Rev. Tom Hunt, Shafter, brought the message, "Through Biblical Means", using I Cor. 9:22.

Benediction by Charles Van Horn, Salinas.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The session opened with singing "Victory In Jesus." Prayer by the Rev. Orbin Doss, Hughson.

The Rev. Malcolm Fry sang "I'd Rather Have Jesus."

Mr. Chet Daniel, North Modesto, brought the devotional, "Love," using I Cor. 13.

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

The Rev. Robert Shockey, General Director of the National Home Mission and Church Extension Department of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, gave greetings and a report.

The Rev. Don Robirds, Director of Communications of Foreign

Missions Department of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, gave greetings and a report.

Report of General Board was given by June Rolen. Motion carried to accept the report. (See Reports)

Recommendation from Northern Association that all district association clerks be standing delegates to the state association was received and tabled until Saturday.

Recommendation from Northern Association that a recommendation be sent to the National Association that all state clerks be standing delegates to the National Association was received and tabled indefinitely.

Report of California Christian College was given by the President Wade T. Jernigan and the Chairman of Board of Trustees Gordon Bradshaw. Motion carried to accept the reports. (Digest of Reports)

Report of State Mission Board was given by Chairman Doice McAlister. Motion carried to accept the report. (Printed reports were distributed.)

Report of the Board of Christian Education was read by June Rolen in the absence of the clerk-treasurer of the Board. Motion carried to accept the report. (Digest of Reports)

Benediction by the Rev. Bill Haynes, Salinas.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

Services opened by singing "Wonderful Grace of Jesus" directed by Darwin Kelton, Fresno, accompanied by the Rev. Malcolm Fry at the piano and the Rev. Larry Condit at the organ. Prayer by the Rev. Gordon Bradshaw, Santa Paula. Congregation sang "Save By The Blood."

Gonbei and Taieko Uchikoshi, Japan, sang "I Believe" and Taieko sang "Were You There?"

"CCC PRESENTS" was given by Dr. Wade T. Jernigan, President of California Christian College. Included in the presentation were the graduates since 1970 and their places of service and the present financial needs of the college. Dr. Jernigan stated that the names of the ones giving gifts of \$100.00 would be placed on the President's List, \$50.00 on the Dean's List and \$25.00 on College List. Pledges and an offering totaling \$3305.00 were given. Prayer of thanksgiving was given by the Rev. Carl Young.

Janis Williams sang "Grace So Amazing."

The Rev. Jack Williams, Dean of California Christian College, brought the message, "Through Christian Education With A Vision."

Dismissed by the Rev. Ron Young, Corcoran.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened with singing "When We All Get to Heaven" directed by Richard Kennedy, accompanied by Donna Van Horn at the piano and Larry Condit at the organ.

The Rev. Jerry Dudley, Pastor of Southern Oaks Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, brought the devotional using Romans 12:4-11.

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

Report of Placement Committee was read and accepted. Garden Grove Church was chosen as the place for the 1974 session of the state association. (See Reports)

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

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

Report of Obituary Committee was read and accepted. A moment of silent prayer was given in memory of those whom the Lord has called home. (See Reports.)

Recommendation from General Board regarding board members was removed from the table. Motion carried to accept. (See Reports)

Motion carried to remove from the table Report of Resolution Committee Item 1 a-b tabled from the 1972 session of the state association.
1A - "Be it resolved that the Board of Christian Education be dissolved."
1B - "Be it resolved that the equipment consisting of 1 mimeograph machine, 6 projectors, 13 sets of film strips, 3 screens, 3 record players, 1 typewriter and stand of the Christian Board of Education be given to California Christian College. This equipment can be checked out and used by the churches as needed." Motion carried to accept.

Motion carried that the clerk update the constitution.

Motion carried that the balance of the Christian Board of Education treasury be given to California Christian College.

Motion carried that a plaque be given to Dr. Homer Willis, Past-Director of National Home Mission and Church Extension Department, honoring him for his service rendered to the denomination and that this be presented at the National Convention at the time special honor is being given Dr. Willis. Motion carried that Assistant Moderator Jack Williams secure and present the plaque.

Motion carried that the Moderator appoint delegates to the National Convention. Those appointed were Delma Gunnels, Bill Hershman, June

Rolen, Janis Williams and Sandra Jones.

Motion carried that the Rev. Edward Johns be recommended to represent California State Association on the General Board of the National Association.

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

The Rev. Gordon Bradshaw was elected as nine year member on CCC Board of Trustees.

The Rev. Johnie Hale was elected as five year member of State Mission Board.

General Board members were elected as follows: Edwin Wade (West Coast), Claudie Hames (Southern), Larry Hampton (Center), Joe Grizzle (Golden Gate), Jay Constant (Northern) and Robert Carlson (San Diego).

June Rolen, State Woman's Auxiliary President, gave an oral report of the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention which met in April.

Ron Young, CTS Director, gave an oral report of the State CTS Rally which met in April.

Program Committee was elected as follows: Robert Riddle, Chester Burgess, Edwin Wade, Adrian Condit and Lonnie Rolen.

Officers were elected as follows:

Moderator ----- Edward Johns
Assistant Moderator ----- Jack L. Williams
Clerk-Treasurer ----- June Rolen
Assistant Clerk-Treasurer - Nettie Lou Jernigan

Motion carried that Blue Shield Health Insurance Plan be held open and that \$100.00 be allocated for health insurance information expense. Rev. Carl Young will continue to keep the ministers informed of the health plan.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Benediction by Vernon Jones, El Sobrante.

SATURDAY ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Opened by singing "My Saviour's Love" directed by Richard Kennedy. Prayer by the Rev. Gene Rogers, Oxnard. Congregation sang "It Is Well With My Soul."

The "Truth Proclaimers" of El Sobrante sang "Pass It On," "He Is the Way, the Truth and the Life," "Everybody Listen" and "Come Along With Me."

The Rev. Robert Shockey brought the message "Through an Involved Laity," using Acts 2:38-47.

Benediction by the Rev. Ronn Jackson, North Modesto.

REPORT OF GENERAL BOARD

RECOMMENDATIONS OF GENERAL BOARD

1. That all summer missionaries be cleared through the State Mission Board before going on itinerary.
2. That the date of the state association be Thursday, Friday and Saturday before the fourth (4th) Sunday in June.
3. That the Blue Shield Health Insurance Plan for ministers be considered.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

1. The Mission Board shall be composed of five members elected by popular vote of 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 state, his membership shall terminate and the remaining members shall elect his successor until this body meets in session and fills the vacancy.
2. The California Christian College Board of Trustees shall be composed of nine members to be elected by popular vote of 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 state, his membership shall terminate and the remaining members shall select his successor until this body meets in session and fills the vacancy.
3. The Board of Christian Education shall be composed of five members elected by popular vote of 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 state, his membership shall terminate and the remaining members shall select his successor until this body meets in session and fills the vacancy.

REPORTS

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

RESOLUTION

Doice McAlister
Loyd Reddick
Lonnie Rolen
Tom Hunt
Ken Sluder

FINANCE

Joe Grizzle
Gene Rogers
Ron Young
Robert Riddle
Charles Harris

PUBLICATION

Jack Williams
Larry Condit
Richard Kennedy
Nuel Brown
H. D. Gentry

OBITUARY

Gladys Bradshaw
Louise Condit
Delma Gunnels
Janice Webb
Mary Young

PLACEMENT

Claudie Hames
Wade Jernigan
Edwin Wade
Ronn Jackson
Vern Gunnels

TEMPERANCE

Adrian Condit
Verlin Ramsey
Gordon Bradshaw
Johnie Hale
Orbin Doss

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

1. Be it resolved that California State Association recommend to the National Association of Free Will Baptists that the nominating committee of the National Association be nominated and elected by the body while in session.
2. Be it resolved that California State Association recommend to the National Association of Free Will Baptists that the elected members of the executive committee be nominated and elected from the floor.
3. Be it resolved that the California Christian College Board of Trustees be composed of five members rather than nine members. (Tabled until 1974)
4. Be it resolved that a standing vote of thanks be given to North Modesto Church for the hospitality shown during this association.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. We recommend that \$35.00 be paid to the Moderator, \$25.00 to the Assistant Moderator, \$55.00 to the Clerk and \$35.00 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 1974 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 for the Rev. Bob Shockey who was guest speaker.
5. We recommend that the support through the Cooperative Plan be allocated as follows:

National Cooperative	25%
California Christian College	36%
State Mission Board	19%
State Office	<u>20%</u>
Total	100%
6. We recommend that the Promotional Department treasury and the state association treasury be combined and that the state office be responsible for the printing of the "Voice" and that the state clerk-treasurer be paid \$175.00 per month for his/her labors.

PUBLICATION COMMITTEE

We recommend:

1. That 650 minutes be printed.
2. That each church send its bulletin or newsweekly to the state clerk.
3. That each issue of the "Voice," beginning with the September issue, have a "guest" editorial written by individuals so authorized by the editor.
4. That the October issue of "Voice" be a special "Missions" issue and that the February issue be a special "Education" issue.
5. That Sunday, September 16th, be declared "VOICE SUNDAY" and that each church in the state be asked to receive a special offering to offset the expense for printing of the "Voice."
6. That every pastor urge each family in his church to subscribe to Contact, Heartbeat, Mission-Gram.

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

Two invitations for the 1974 session have been received, one from the Harmony Church in Fresno and one from the Garden Grove Church. We recommend that we suspend the rules and accept the invitation of Garden Grove.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We recommend:

1. That all refrain from the use of tobacco and alcoholic beverages.
2. That parents be selective in the home film and TV programs and literature their children watch and read.
3. That all be modest in dress and appearance.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We report that God in His infinite wisdom has called from our midst a total of 33 of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Two ordained ministers were among the number: Rev. W. H. Callison, pastor of Winters Church, and Rev. Oscar Wright, pastor of The First Church of Salinas. We recommend a moment of silent prayer in memory of these that have gone on to be with the Lord.

RESOLUTIONS TABLED FROM 1972

1. A. Be it resolved that the Board of Christian Education be dissolved.
- 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 may be checked out and used by the churches as needed.

MINISTERS WHO REGISTERED

Baker, Charles	622 Sequoia, Visalia, CA 93277	732-5257
Bradshaw, Gordon	406 Acacia Road, Santa Paula, CA 93060	525-7547
Brown, Neul	15401 West "E" St., Kerman, CA 93630	846-8228
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Bush, Ben	2018 S. Maple, Fresno, CA 93702	485-5187
Butler, Jeff D.	3235 Orange St., National City, CA 92050	477-3338
Clark, James	106 S. 3rd St., Campbell, CA 95008	379-1682
Clark, Wilburn	3933 W. Merced, Baldwin Park, CA 91706	
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Condit, Adrian	1816 Gail Court, Ceres, CA 95307	537-6932
Condit, E. B.	3919 Newcastle Rd., Concord, CA 94519	825-3350
Condit, Larry	5524 Wilsey Way, Carmichael, CA 95608	
Constant, Jay	549 Mathews Dr., Vacaville, CA 95688	446-0608
Cox, J. S.	11579 Elm, Atwater, CA	358-6091
Doss, O. H.	P. O. Box 66, Hughson, CA	883-2926
Farmer, James A.	13825 Calais St., Baldwin Park, CA 91706	337-1746
Fry, Malcolm C.	P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tenn. 37202	
Gentry, H. D.	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	632-4897
Gunnels, Ver, Jr.	10681 S. Highland, Selma, CA 93662	896-3394
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Hames, Claudie	930 Exchange, Bakersfield, CA 93307	325-6532
Hampton, Larry	4881 E. University, Fresno, CA 93703	251-6471
Hampton, Tom	1869 Elderwood Dr., Concord, CA 94520	
Harris, Charles	4091 N. Duke, Fresno, CA 93727	291-3839
Haynes, William	1140 Green, Salinas, CA 93901	758-4021
Hunt, Tom	30376 Richland Dr., Shafter, CA 93263	746-6441
Jackson, Ronn	232 Dawn Dr., Modesto, CA 95350	523-8572
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Kennedy, Richard	1213 Vista St., Bakersfield, CA 93306	325-3404
Lawless, Winston	432 Bermuda Way, Modesto, CA 95350	524-0129
Leeds, Robert	106 Van Buren, Taft, CA 93268	765-6428
McAlister, Doice	2217 Geer Rd., Turlock, CA 95380	632-0404

Mooneyham, Joe	2841-151 Fowler Rd., Ceres, CA 95307	483-5764
Mosly, Jim	2418 Geraldine, Pleasant Hill, CA	685-6876
Mullins, Clifford	230 W. Palm, Exeter, CA 93221	592-4705
Ramsey, Verlin	807 Acacia, Modesto, CA 95351	524-9613
Reddick, Loyd	6318¼ Santa Fe, Huntington Park, CA 90255	587-4444
Rial, Leonard	669 Fourth St., Orange Cove, CA 93646	
Riddle, Robert	7231 Granger, Bell Gardens, CA 90201	927-3092
Robirds, Don	P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tenn. 37202	
Rogers, Gene	911 N. "G" St., Oxnard, CA 93030	483-5764
Rolen, Lonnie	2913 E. Northdale, Fresno, CA 93726	229-2203
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Smith, John	1621 River Rd., Modesto, CA 95351	537-7961
Sweeten, James E.	1122 Maple, Turlock, CA 95380	632-4779
Thomas, Bob	11242 Ferina, Norwalk, CA 90650	864-1115
Thurman, Cecil	6077 N. Calaveras, Fresno, CA 93704	439-0542
Uchikoshi, Masatoshi	4881 E. University, Fresno, CA 93703	
Vanderburg, Dale	114 E. Ivy, Hanford, CA 93230	584-6758
Wade, Edwin	8782 Lampson, Garden Grove, CA 92641	539-2324
Webb, Jerry	P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tenn. 37202	
Williams, Jack L.	4881 E. University, Fresno, CA 93703	251-7234
Wilson, M. J.	8875 S. Union Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93307	831-3639
Yandell, DeArthur	219 S. "A" St., Tulare, CA 93274	686-8251
Yonng, Carl	200 Ely Blvd., So., Petaluma, CA 94952	763-1865
Young, Ron	1908 Stanley Ave., Corcoran, CA 93212	992-4736

STATISTICAL REPORT OF AFFILIATED ASSOCIATION

Associations	Center	Golden Gate	Northern California	San Diego District	Southern	West Coast	Total
Churches	10	27	7	4	17	13	78
Membership	771	1682	212	104	1236	800	4805
Members - Resident	668	1682	160	84	1035	800	4430
Members - Non-Resident	103		52	20	201		376
Members Received	111		40	52	121	172	496
Members Dismissed	42		29	23	79	104	277
Deceased	2		4		13	5	24
Ordained Ministers	22	34	13	4	27	21	121
Licensed Ministers	15	15	1	2	3	7	43
Deacons	33	71	16	9	52	30	211
Sunday Schools	10	27	6	4	17	13	77
Sunday School Enrollment	796	2017	244	151	1336	1093	5637
C.T.S.	3		1	1	10	8	23
C.T.S. Enrollment	142	403	20	30	221	291	1107
Woman's Auxiliaries	5	16	1	2	16	9	49
Auxiliary Membership	69		8		104	36	217
Master's Men	1				2	1	4
Prayer Meetings	9	27	4	4	17	11	72
Parsonages	4	13	3	1	11	7	39

FINANCIAL REPORT OF AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS

Association	Center	Golden Gate	Northern California	San Diego District	Southern	West Coast	Total
Total Offerings Received	\$ 90,965	\$349,302	\$ 26,623	\$ 12,871	\$206,324	\$ 195,424	\$881,509
Pastor's Salary	26,703	129,166	5,180	2,590	57,352	41,771	262,762
Evangelistic Work	4,197	9,054	631	600	3,388	740	18,610
Building & Repair	23,010	97,701	15,285	4,223	23,643	45,512	209,374
Literature	6,852	14,102	772	544	6,947	5,007	34,194
Advertising	220	153	50	281	633	24	1,361
Miscellaneous	3,189	17,613	816	2,341	27,733	25,232	76,924
Other	7,422	24,195		3,772	19,820		55,209
Total Local Expenditures	53,814	291,984	22,734	11,990	139,516	135,202	655,240
Cooperative Plan	269	10,420			6,648	6,289	23,626
Foreign Missions	2,849	19,010	380	166	3,562	3,846	29,813
Home Missions	3,144	12,340	170	286	3,821	1,167	20,928
Education	2,114	10,884	489	468	5,281	2,093	21,329
Associational Projects	868	1,640	503	56	1,472	2,211	6,750
State & National Projects		2,704	50		98		2,852
Other	3,858		320		5,851	1,692	11,721
Total Outside Expend.	13,119	57,308	1,812	8,951	26,733	36,209	144,132
Value of Church Property	342,200	1,358,780	37,000	155,000	736,200	976,262	3,605,442
Value of Parsonage Prop.	25,000	217,740	7,000		144,000	104,000	497,740

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION
OF CALIFORNIA STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

April 7, 1973
Memorial Free Will Baptist Church
Fresno, California

Theme: "Memories Of Blessings" Psalm 145:7

The Twenty-fifth Session of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention of California met with the Memorial Free Will Baptist Church, Fresno, Calif., on April 7, 1973, with President Mary Kelton presiding.

The convention was opened with singing "Showers of Blessings" and "To God Be The Glory," directed by Marge Winters, accompanied by Donna Smith at the piano and Brenda York at the organ. Prayer by Louise Smith.

The welcome was given by Lydeen York, President of Memorial Free Will Baptist Church Woman's Auxiliary and the response by Frances Van Horn, Salinas.

Phyllis Shipman, Mountain View, brought the morning devotion. Her thoughts were taken from Psalm 139. Prayer by Goldie Priest.

The business session was called to order. The Nominating Committee was elected as follows: Lydeen York, Helen Hames, Donna Wade, Mrs. Oscar Wright, and Sue Barnhart. The following committees were appointed by the President and Vice-President:

REGISTRATION

Ruth Walker
Sandra Jones
Pearl Coughran
Ramonda Hebblethwaite

OBITUARY

Alma Stiggins
Devilla Melton
Helen Bomar

FINANCE

Connie Dameron
Marge Winters
Reba Kirk
Margaret Gribble
Lou Groves

CREDENTIALS

Goldie Priest
Elva Parker
Bonnie Mitchell
Vida Fry

PLACEMENT

Barbara Meyer
Maxine Ivans
Evelyn Smith

RESOLUTION

Onema Erickson
Phyllis Shipman
Opal McCullar
Carol Vandivort

APPRECIATION

Joann Francher
Linda Young
Margie Kennedy
Frances Van Horn

Combined reports of District Recording Secretaries were read and accepted.

The treasurer's report was given by Connie Dameron. Motion carried to accept the report.

Dismissed in prayer by Sandra Jones for a short recess.

WORSHIP HOUR

The services opened with singing "Breathe On Me."

A convention offering of \$100.01 was received. Offertory prayer by Delma Gunnels.

The Chordettes of California Christian College sang "Something Worth Living For."

Brenda Spruill, WNAC Field Worker, spoke on "Don't Forget to Remember." She recalled some memorable moments on the mission field with her parents, Luther and Helen Sanders, Home Missionaries to Hawaii, and brought to the minds of each woman a greater awareness of the memories of the past.

Benediction and blessing on the noon meal was offered by Mrs. Oscar Wright.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session opened with singing "Praise Him, Praise Him." Prayer by Betty Watson.

Janis Williams sang "The Holy City," accompanied by Deanna Wilbanks.

A walk down "Memory Lane" was narrated by Wanda Rogers, with thoughts from II Timothy 1:5. As this session was the Silver Anniversary of the California State Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Mrs. Rogers reviewed the history of the Woman's Auxiliary work in the state of California.

Past Presidents (in attendance) were recognized: Goldie Priest, Winnie McLain, Reba Kirk, Mary Kelton, and June Rolen. Each Past President was presented with an auxiliary pin by a woman dressed depicting that era. The 50's were presented by Lou Groves, the 60's by Sue MacGill, and the 70's by Cheryl Rogers.

Officers were elected as follows:

President -- Mrs. June Rolen, 2913 E. Northdale, Fresno, CA 93726
Vice President -- Mrs. Oscar Wright, 232 Lang St., Salinas, CA 93901
Secretary -- Miss Sandra Jones, 4881 E. University, Fresno, CA 93703
Treasurer -- Mrs. Margaret Gribble, 1301 Bruce Dr., Santa Paula, CA 93060
Field Worker -- Mrs. Donna Wade, 8781 Lampson Ave., Garden Grove,
CA 92641

Members at Large -- Pearl Coughran, Helen Hames, and Reba Kirk.

Committee reports were given as follows:

The report of the Registration Committee was read and accepted.
Total present - 131; Golden Gate - 26, Southern - 18, West Coast - 10,
Center - 45, Visitors and Ministers - 32.

The report of the Credentials Committee was read and accepted.
They examined the letters and found them to be in order.

A report of the Placement Committee was read and accepted. The
Clovis Free Will Baptist Church requested the 1974 convention. The Twenty-
sixth Session of the California State Woman's Auxiliary Convention will
convene at the Clovis FWB Church, 6642 N. Peach, Clovis.

The report of the Appreciation Committee was read and accepted.
A standing vote of thanks was given to the host church for their hospitality
and for the anniversary luncheon. A special thanks was extended to the
Center Association for the Anniversary cake.

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

- 1, We recommend that the State Woman's Auxiliary Secretary have a photo-
graph taken of the Installation of Officers to be kept with her records for
future reference and records.

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

1. We recommend that \$25 of the offering be given to Brenda Spruill as a
personal gift and the remainder be sent to WNAC for Mrs. Spruill's plane
fare (\$75.01).
2. We recommend that \$60.00 be paid for the printing of the minutes.
3. We recommend that the remainder of Mrs. Spruill's plane fare be paid from
the treasury and that each district treasurer send a letter to the local auxili-
aries for a special offering to help defray these expenses.
4. We recommend that the dues be \$1.50 per member - \$.75 for WNAC and
\$.25 for the state.

The Obituary Committee reported the death of Effie Sanders of Southern Association. A moment of silent prayer was held in memory of her.

Report of the Student Loan Fund was given by Winnie McLain. Motion carried to accept the report. One loan made in 1969 has been paid. Two loans were made in August 1972 and the one for \$325 has been paid and the other one for \$200 is still outstanding. The balance in the fund April 1, 1973 is \$1,188.88. Winnie McLain was retiring as one-year member of the committee. Mary Kelton was elected as five-year member of the Student Loan Committee.

Delegates to the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention in Macon, Georgia, were appointed as follows: Yvonne Brown, Mrs. Oscar Wright, Sandra Jones, Goldie Priest. Power was given to the President to appoint any other auxiliary members that may attend the Convention as delegates.

Installation of officers was given by Winnie McLain. Prayer of dedication was offered by retiring President, Mary Kelton.

Closing remarks were given by newly-elected President June Rolen.

Benediction by Delmer Priest.

Mary Kelton, President
June Rolen, Acting Secretary

Student Loan Committee:

Mary Kelton - 5 year
Mrs. Oscar Wright - 4 year
Winnie Yandell - 3 year
Lois Miller - 2 year
Frances Van Horn - 1 year

STATE C.T.S. RALLY

The 24th Session of California State C.T.S. Rally convened in the Ashlan Park Baptist Church, Fresno, on April 27, 1973. Competitive activities were directed by Ron Young, director. Semi-finals for Bible Bowl and Tic-Tac-Toe were completed.

Worship services began at 8:00 P.M. with the congregation singing led by Darwin Kelton. Special music was presented by Men's Trio and Quintet from California Christian College. The Rev. Larry Condit, Pastor of Capitol Church of Sacramento, brought the message "The Old Time Religion" using Proverbs 22:28 as his text.

The Saturday morning session was called to order by President Richard Kennedy. Congregation singing was directed by Darwin Kelton. Prayer by Larry Williams. The finals for Tic-Tac-Toe and Sword Drill were directed by Ron Young. The business session was called to order. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Letters from the district rallies were read and accepted. The President appointed the following committees:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Ron Young, Chairman
Dave Taylor, Golden Gate
Mark Pheifer, Southern
Richard Moore, Center
Dennis Fletcher, West Coast

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Alfred Cremain, Golden Gate
Debe Jernigan, Center
Lou Ann Yandell, Southern
Johnny Grable, West Coast
Bob Thomas, Chairman

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Jack L. Williams
Rick Vanderburg
Brenda York

The treasurer's report was read and accepted. Motion carried that the missionary offering of \$38.84 be given to Larry Condit.

Motion carried to have a CTS Call-a-thon to raise money for the competitive teams to be sent to the National.

Officers were elected as follows:

President	Dennis Pettyjohn
Vice President	Rick Vanderburg
Recording Secretary	Sydney Sage
Corresponding Secretary	Carin Hibbard
Treasurer	Brenda Riddle
Competitive Activities Director	Vilnis Freimanis
Music Director	Darwin Kelton
Pianist	Bruce Wood
Sponsors	Ron and Linda Young

The eleven o'clock worship service opened with singing "The Old Time Religion." An offering was received for California Christian College. The Mixed Trio of California Christian College presented the special music. The message was brought by Dennis Pettyjohn. Dismissed with prayer.

The afternoon session was opened with singing "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus." A declamation was presented by Mark Kelton. Finals in Bible Bowl were completed. The Rev. Wade Jernigan paid tribute to the late Rev. Oscar Wright for his interest in youth and CTS.

Motion carried that the resolutions tabled from 1972 session be added to the Constitution under Article IV and it be listed as "COMPETITION" and Article V be "AMENDMENTS."

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

1. That May 20, 1973 be designated as CTS Call-a-thon Sunday for all churches.
2. That all churches responding to the Call-A-thon report the offering between 9 - 11 p.m. to (209) 251-4215 or (209) 251-4216.
3. That all offerings received from Call-a-thon be sent to Treasurer Brenda Riddle, 7231 Granger, Bell Gardens, CA 90201.
4. That CTS President give an oral report of the Call-a-thon at the State Association in June.
5. That the President and Corresponding Secretary prepare and send a letter to all churches informing them of the Call-a-thon and the letter be mailed no later than May 8th and that the goal be \$1500.00.

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

1. That we petition the National Association to set up \$100.00 scholarship to a FWB College for each contestant for winners of each competitive activity on the national level.
2. That the Competitive Activities Director familiarize himself with the competitive questions prior to the State CTS Rally.
3. Lost
4. That a standing vote of thanks be given to the host church and to the outgoing officers for their services.

The competitive teams for the National are as follows:

Sword Drill	Lawanna Stevens - Petaluma Church, Golden Gate
Declamation	Mark Kelton - Clovis Church, Center

Tic Tac Toe Denise Bonds - Memorial Church, Fresno, Center
Heidi Little
Vicki Jernigan
Brenda York

Bible Bowl Sydney Sage - Norwalk Church, West Coast
Dennis Fletcher
Sandra Russellburg
Johnny Grable

The Scholarship was awarded to Caren Hibbard, a freshman at
California Christian College.

Dismissed with prayer.

Margie Hames, Recording Secretary

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 baptized upon the profession of our faith in Christ, and realizing the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among us as an association of churches, and to preserve and maintain correspondence and coordination with us, do therefore, ordain this constitution for our better denominational government.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the California State Association of Free Will 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. 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 ordained ministers of any district 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 ministers.

2. **ELECTED DELEGATES.** Elected delegates shall be those delegates duly appointed or elected by the affiliate association which they represent. They shall in all cases be members in good standing in the affiliated association from which they come.

Representation in this association shall be by affiliated district associations. Each affiliated association shall be entitled to one (1) delegate per each fifty (50) members. Each affiliated association shall represent by a letter giving all of the statistical information called for by this body and listing all delegates by name. Representation fees as set by this association shall

accompany the letter of information.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS

This association shall meet annually. The date and place shall be chosen by the association. In the event of an emergency, the General Board shall set the date and place of the annual meeting.

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 (not being elected presently)

Each of these except the Executive Secretary 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 or officers' meeting shall keep accurate minutes of their meetings and shall make these minutes available for reading at the request of this association.

The standing boards of this association shall be:

1. Mission Board
2. California Christian College Board of Trustees
3. General Board

The General Board will be elected annually and shall be governed by the following:

1. It shall meet at the request of the chairman or on a pre-arranged date.
2. It shall have an annual meeting 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 his pleasure except in cases where resignation would be to avoid discipline or an accounting of the stewardship of his office.

2. Death.
3. Dismissal. Members of boards may be dismissed by this association for unchristian conduct or conduct detrimental to the general welfare of this association. Any member who is declared out of fellowship or against whom charges of heresy or unchristian conduct are being pressed shall be suspended from active service on the board of which he is a member until the consummation of the charges made in the affiliated association by which he is disciplined. If found guilty of charges as described above, he shall be dismissed from this board and his position shall be declared vacant.
4. Removal from the territorial bounds. Any member who unites with 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. Members of boards who fail to serve in the capacity allotted them shall upon the approval of this association be dismissed from the board.

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 majority vote of the delegates present and voting at the closing session of the association to serve 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 auxiliities and board of this association.
 2. He shall maintain order in all business sessions and allow full and free debate on all issues, but recognize no one or allow debate by any demonstrating an unchristian spirit.
 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/Treasurer. The clerk/treasurer shall be elected by the majority vote of the delegates present and voting at the closing session of this association to serve a term of one year.

1. The clerk shall keep a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the association and have same printed in book form for distribution to all affiliated associations. The clerk shall also keep an accurate record of all officers' and committee meetings. 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 also serve as clerk of the General Board and the Executive Committee.
3. The treasurer shall receive and receipt all monies from whatever source contributions may be made and deposit same in a bank.
4. All bills and accounts owed by this association shall be paid by check drawn against the association account signed by the treasurer.
5. The treasurer shall give a report of all funds received and expended. The report shall be accompanied by an accurate balance sheet of approved standards of accounting.

D. The Assistant Clerk/Treasurer. The assistant clerk/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 assistant clerk shall assist the clerk in recording the minutes of the proceedings and shall make himself available to assist in any of the labors of the clerk.
2. In the absence of the clerk, the assistant shall become the clerk and the duties of the clerk shall then be applied to him.

E. 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 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 this association with regular reports of the work 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 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.

F. The General Board. The personnel of the general board shall be composed of the moderator, the clerk/treasurer and the executive secretary of this association and the chairmen of all standing boards. There shall also be elected annually by this body one member for each affiliated district association.

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 policy 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 nine members shall be selected from the general board. This committee shall be composed of the moderator, clerk/treasurer, executive secretary, and the six 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 a mediatorial committee. This committee shall have no dictatorial powers whatever, but shall mediate attempts 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 appeal from the lower to the higher body. This committee shall be limited to making recommendations to these affected parties and if not accepted by all concerned, shall refer the signed allegation to the general board, and if mediation proves unsuccessful shall in turn refer the signed allegation to this association for final action.

G. The Mission Board. The mission board shall be composed of five members elected by popular vote of 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 state, his membership shall terminate and the remaining members shall elect his successor 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 "unto 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 assistance deemed necessary. 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. The 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 policy of this association.

The treasurer of this board shall receive and receipt all monies coming to it from all sources. The money 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.

H. California Christian College Board of Trustees. The California Christian College Board of Trustees shall be composed of nine members to be

elected by popular vote of 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 state, his membership shall terminate and the remaining members shall select his successor 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 Baptists" published by the National Association of Free Will Baptists shall be the guiding theological position of the institution.

This board shall orient itself and elect its own officers. It shall meet upon 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 policy of this association.

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.

ARTICLE VI - CHURCH GOVERNMENT

The government of this association shall be congregational in form and democratic in its practice. Congregational church government shall be defined as: "The local church is an independent body, as far as it relates to its own government, the transaction of its business, the choice of its officers, and the disciplining of its members. The local church holds the deed of its own property and is responsible for its own financial obligations and there is no authority by any ecclesiastical power that can revert or change the decision of the local church. When a majority of a congregation in regular conference votes for or against, their decision cannot be reversed by any other authority." However, an appeal may be made by common consent by an aggrieved minority to the quarterly meeting for mediation. If the quarterly meeting or other associations are dissatisfied with the ruling of the majority of a local church, they may withdraw the hand of fellowship from the local church but it still leaves the local congregation in full charge of the church property and cannot

interfere with its decisions any further.

ARTICLE VII - DISCIPLINE

This association shall have the right and authority to discipline its members and shall be recognized as the final ecclesiastical, tribunal within the state of California for Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the delegates present and voting at any session of this association provided that all proposed amendments are presented in writing to the association one day in advance of action upon the proposed amendments.

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. 26:2a).

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."