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PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY EVENING SERVICE

THEME: "God's Church in Action" Matthew 16:18

The Thirty-Third Annual Session of the California State Association of Free Will Baptists met at the Sherwood Forest Free Will Baptist Church, 5570 Olinda Road, El Sobrante, California. The opening hymn "How Firm a Foundation" was directed by Bob MacGill, Sherwood Forest, who served as music director. Dani Carroll served as convention pianist and Oretha Hamlin as organist, both from Sherwood Forest. After prayer by the Rev. Francis Boyle, Moore, Okla., the congregation sang "O For a Thousand Tongues" and "Blessed Assurance."

The Association was called to order by the Clerk, June Rolen, who introduced the Moderator, the Rev. Edward Johns. The following visitors were recognized: the Rev. Francis Boyle, Hillsdale Free Will Baptist Bible College, Moore, Okla., the Archie Mayhews, Missionaries to Ivory Coast, West Africa, the Rev. Charles Harris', Home Missionaries to Lakewood, Colorado and the Rev. Roy Thomas, Associate Director of the National Home Mission Department, Nashville, Tennessee. The Moderator's message "The Church"—Matthew 16:18 was presented.

The Sherwood Forest Choir sang a number taken from I Chronicles 29:10-11, 13. Dani Carroll and Barbara Butler accompanied them. Barbara Butler sang "Spread a Little Love Around" accompanied by Dani Carroll followed with prayer by the Rev. Charles Harris.

The Rev. Claudie Hames, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Bakersfield brought the message "God's Church in Action—Evangelizing"—Matthew 28:18-20.

The Moderator appointed the Committee on Committees as follows: Doice McAlister (Chairman), Paul Kennedy, Jay Wilson, James Clark, Bill Johnson.

Benediction by the Rev. Archie Mayhew, Ivory Coast, West Africa.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The opening hymn was "How Firm a Foundation" followed with prayer by the Rev. Vern Gunnels, Jr., Selma. Then the congregation sang "Victory in Jesus." Devotional thoughts were given by Allen Kennedy, Bakersfield using Acts 8:1-4, 8.

The Rev. Joe Grizzle, host pastor, welcomed ministers, delegates and visitors.

Motion carried to adopt the program with the time flexible.

Letters from the Northern, Golden Gate, Center, and Southern Associations were read, accepted and delegates seated. Motion carried to accept the petitionary letter from the San Joaquin Association. Motion carried to receive the representation fee and seat the delegates from the West Coast Association. (Letter was mailed but not received.) The delegates were asked to stand for recognition. Prayer by the Assistant Moderator, the Rev. Jack L. Williams.

Report of Committee on Committees was read and accepted. (See reports.) Motion carried for the Moderator to have power to fill vacancies.

The Rev. Charles Harris, Home Missionary Appointee to Lakewood, Colorado gave an oral report.

The Rev. Archie Mayhew, Missionary to Ivory Coast, West Africa, brought personal thanks to the people of California for their prayers and financial support.

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

Herbert C. Holleman, Visalia encouraged the people to purchase *Minutes of the General Conference of the Free Will Baptist Connection—a Free Will Baptist History*.

The Rev. Francis Boyle, Moore, Okla. gave a progress report of Hillsdale College at Moore.

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

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

The service opened with the hymn "To God Be the Glory" directed by Bob MacGill followed with prayer by Bill Hershman, Pleasant Hill. The congregation sang "The Cleansing Wave" and "The Old Rugged Cross." Sandi Jones sang "There Is Someone" and "Overshadowed." The Rev. Joe Grizzle sang "My Tribute." They were accompanied by Dani Carroll.

The Rev. Doice McAlister, pastor of Turlock Church, brought the message "God's Church in Action—Edifying" using Ephesians 4:11-14. Benediction by Merel Guess, Santa Paula.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The session opened with the hymn "How Firm a Foundation" ed with prayer by Paul Kennedy, Sherwood Forest. The congregation sang "All Hail the Power."

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

General Board Members were elected as follows: Claudie Hames (Southern), Lonnie L. Rolen (Center), Clark Casteel (Northern), Ben Bush (San Joaquin), Robert Riddle (Golden Gate), E. B. Condit (West Coast).

Report of California Christian College was given by the President, Dr. Wade T. Jernigan. Dr. Daniel Parker, Dean of Student Affairs, presented a statistical comparison of fiscal years 1974-75 and 1975-76. Motion carried to accept the reports. (See Departmental Reports.)

Bill Hershman, Pleasant Hill, was elected as nine year member of the Board of Trustees of California Christian College.

Report of the State Mission Board was given by the Chairman, the Rev. Doice McAlister. Motion carried to accept the report. (See Departmental Reports.) The following were elected to the board: Doice McAllister—five year member, Richard Horner—one year member.

The Rev. E. B. Condit gave an oral report of the work in Ventura, California.

The Rev. Roy Thomas brought greetings from the National Home Missions Department and from the other National offices.

The Rev. Edward F. Johns gave an oral report of the work in Chula Vista, California.

The Program Committee was elected as follows: Kenneth Sluder, M. J. Wilson, Claudie Hames, Jack Williams, Paul Kennedy. Motion carried that Jack Williams serve as chairman.

Motion carried that the California State Association invite the 1980 Session of the National Association to convene in California.

Motion carried that the Moderator appoint five delegates to the National Association convening in Tulsa, Okla., July 12-15. Those appointed were Vilnis Freimanis, Helen Hames, Bill Hershman, Juanita Parker and Bentrina Johnson. Vilnis Freimanis declined later because of involvement in Youth activities and the Moderator appointed Tim Rolen.

Richard Horner, President of California Christian College Alumni Association, gave an oral report.

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

Benediction by the Rev. James Clark, Campbell.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

The service opened with the Sherwood Forest Choir singing "Hallelujah" followed with prayer by the Rev. Francis Boyle. The congregation sang "How Firm a Foundation" and "Amazing Grace." The Sherwood Forest Choir sang "Worthy the Lamb" and "Battle Hymn of the Republic" accompanied by Vena Carroll at the piano and Barbara Butler at the organ. Dani Carroll accompanied on the snare drum on the last song.

The Rev. Roy Thomas, Associate Director of National Home Missions brought the message "God's Church in Action—Exhorting" using Hebrews 10:19-29. The Rev. Carl K. Young led in an altar of prayer.

Dr. Jernigan, President of California Christian College, presented the "CCC Minutemen" financial drive—one hundred men giving \$100 each now or during July and August.

The report of the Ministerial Special Committee which was elected last year was read by Dr. Wade T. Jernigan, Chairman.

Benediction by the Rev. Jack L. Williams, Clovis.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The opening hymn was "How Firm a Foundation" followed with prayer by the Rev. Ron Young, Bakersfield. The congregation sang "His Name is Wonderful" and "I Will Serve Thee."

Paul Kennedy, Sherwood Forest, brought the morning devotion "God's Church in Action—Stedfastly" using Acts 2:41-43, 46.

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

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

Report of the Placement Committee was read and accepted. (See

Reports.)

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

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

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

Report of the Ministerial Special Committee was read and accepted. (See Reports.) Motion carried that State Clerk be responsible for printing questionnaire in quantity and make same available for purchase.

Motion carried that a copy of this report be mailed to every Associational Clerk and local church and notify them that questionnaire forms can be purchased from State Office.

June Rolen, President of State Woman's Auxiliary Convention, gave an oral report of the State Convention which met April 3 at the Visalia First Church.

Rick Vanderburg, President of State Youth Conference, gave an oral report of the State Youth Conference which met April 23, 24 at the Exeter Church.

The Rev. Bob L. Thomas thanked the state of California for their support for him and his family as they go to Lakewood, Colorado to work with Home Mission Extension Worker, the Rev. Charles Harris.

Officers were elected as follows:

Moderator Edward F. Johns

Assistant Moderator Jack L. Williams

Clerk-Treasurer June Rolen

Assistant Clerk-Treasurer Nettie Lou Jernigan

Motion carried that a standing vote of thanks be given the state officers.

Benediction.

SATURDAY ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

The service opened with the congregation singing the chorus, "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" followed with prayer by Claud Kennedy, Sherwood Forest. The congregation sang "I'll Be True Lord Jesus" and "It Will Be Worth It All."

New pastors, the Rev. Bob Thornburg, Santa Paula and the Rev. Daryl Goodman, Lompoc were welcomed to California.

The Gateway quartet—Ron Wood, Gilbert Goss, Les Scroggins and Stan Gulotto sang "I Can't Even Walk" and "The Statue of Liberty" accompanied by Darlene Scroggins. Prayer by the Rev. Claudie Hames, Bakersfield. The Rev. Robert Riddle brought the message "God's Church in Action—Exalting" Revelation 7:9-17.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Benediction by Vernon Jones, Sherwood Forest.

REPORTS

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Doice McAlister, Chairman
Paul Kennedy
M. J. Wilson
James Clark
Bill Johnson

RESOLUTION

Richard Horner, Chairman
Carl Young
Kenneth Sluder
Gordon Bradshaw
Clinton Wood

PUBLICATIONS

Ron Young, Chairman
Bill Hershman
Vilnis Freimanis
Daryl Goodman
Lonnie Rolen

PLACEMENT

Meryl Erickson, Chairman
Bill Johnson
Robert Leeds
Robert Riddle
John Smith, Jr.

FINANCE

Joe Grizzle, Chairman
Nuel Brown
Daniel Parker
Jay Constant
Larry Condit

OBITUARY

Devilla Melton
Sue McGill
Doris Wilson
Linda Young
Donna Smith

TEMPERANCE

M. J. Wilson, Chairman
Ben Bush
Chester Burgess
Vern Gunnels, Jr.
Truman Huddleston

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

1. Be it resolved that a standing vote of thanks be given the host church.
2. Lost.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. We recommend that \$50.00 be paid to the Moderator, \$35.00 to the Assistant Moderator, \$65.00 to the Clerk-Treasurer, and \$45.00 to the Assistant Clerk-Treasurer.
2. We recommend that \$125.00 be sent to the National Association for representation fees.
3. We recommend that each district association represent with \$.35 per capita member for the 1977 session of the state association.

4. We recommend that \$300.00 be given to the National Home Mission Department to help defray the expenses of the guest speaker, Rev. Roy Thomas.

5. We recommend that the support through the cooperative plan be allocated as follows:

National Cooperative	25 percent
California Christian College	40 percent
State Office	15 percent
State Mission Board	20 percent

6. We recommend that \$2,000.00 be given from the state office treasury to California Christian College to assist in the present financial need.

7. We recommend that 12¢ per mile be paid to the general board members for transportation expense if any special meeting must be called. We also recommend that the members of the program committee receive 12¢ per mile for transportation expense when meeting to plan the program of the association.

8. We recommend that the state clerk-treasurer be responsible for the printing of the "Voice" the bookkeeping of the state office, and all other secretarial duties related to the office and that he or she be paid \$175.00 per month.

9. We recommend that the Friday evening convention offering of \$106.00 be divided evenly between the National Home and Foreign Missions Departments.

PUBLICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We recommend:

1. That 650 minutes be printed.

2. That the "Voice" be published monthly (September-June-10 issues) and that it be sent to churches in bundles at a subscription rate of \$3.00 per individual copy annually (subscription to be paid in advance) and that in September complimentary copies be sent to all the churches with information concerning the subscription, and a subscription form be included in this issue.

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

We recommend that the next association meet at the Bakersfield Church, 2236 East California Avenue, Bakersfield.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We report that God in His infinite wisdom has called from our midst 28 of our brothers and sisters in Christ. This report is incomplete as some associations did not send a report. We suggest that in the future each pastor stress the importance to the church clerk of reporting the names of the deceased to the district association clerks and this information be sent

to the state clerk so that a complete report can be given.

The names of the deceased are as follows:

CENTER ASSOCIATION

Kerman Church-Jim Stiggins

Memorial Church-Lucille York, C. C. Bonds, Mary Smith

Orange Cove Church-Minnie McKinney

Parlier Church-Delbert Spain

Selma Church-Opal Whittenburg

GOLDEN GATE ASSOCIATION

Gladys Moore (wife of the Rev. Neal Moore), Bertha Hughes (Concord Church), Forest Ransbottom

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION

Della White, Gene Richardson

WEST COAST ASSOCIATION

Cassie Cotner, Dolly McClish, Leonard King (deacon Santa Paula Church), Effie Salyer, Syble Langston, Sis. Anderson

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Whereas the Word of God instructs those who strive for the mastery to be temperate in all things; whereas the literal definition of "temperate" deals with the use of moderation, abstention, and restraint; whereas all things may be lawful but not necessarily expedient; be it resolved that this association gives serious consideration to the following subjects:

1. **HOMOSEXUALITY**-Because I Cor. 6:9 gives clear consequences to those who participate in this activity, we encourage our people to speak to the issue and to take corrective action through church, civic, or political movements.

2. **VULGARITY**-Because Eph. 4:29 discourages all profanity, we encourage our people to guard their tongues, and to guard their sensitivity lest they become conditioned to the usage of such language.

3. **IMMORALITY**-Because Eph. 5:1-5 condemns all premarital and extramarital sexual activity, we encourage our people to protect their purity and to promote healthy marriages as outlined in I Cor. 7:2-5.

4. **NUDITY**-Because Christ warns man about the lust of eye in Matt. 5:28, we encourage our people to exercise much discretion in their choice of attire.

5. **CONFORMITY**-Because Rom. 12:1-2 instructs believers in the area of worldliness, we encourage our people to exercise restraint in worldly fashions (male and female) in all of their activities (home, church, sports, and school). Also that we read anew our church covenant and treatise.

**REPORT
of
MINISTERIAL SPECIAL COMMITTEE**

We recommend:

1. That a young, immature man upon the announcement of his call

to preach be given a "To Whom It May Concern" letter of recommendation to sister churches and hold off on requesting license until some growing up is evidenced.

2. That no man be issued license who is not a fit candidate for future ordination.

3. That the licensed minister be instructed by his pastor and the Executive Board that he is not to perform weddings, administer the ordinances of the gospel nor conduct church business conferences.

4. That the candidate for license or ordination be questioned as to whether or not he has applied previously for license or ordination in a local church or association. If affirmative, a thorough investigation should be made.

5. That the local church and the local association adhere strictly to Chapter II, Section II, "His Discipline" paragraphs A through G of *A Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the Original Free Will Baptists*. Your attention is called to I Timothy 5:19, "Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses."

6. That each association and quarterly meeting use the recommended questionnaire which is to be completed by the candidate, prior to examination for license or ordination, and that a course of study be prescribed including Free Will Baptist doctrine, homiletics, English and a concentrated Bible course. Also, that they be strongly urged to attend a Free Will Baptist college for formal training.

PREFACE DIGEST OF REPORTS 1976

1976 is such a very special occasion for us as Americans as well as Free Will Baptists. Our country's Bicentennial celebration has colored every facet of national life. There is even a backdrop Spirit of '76 quality about the national elections this year. On the Free Will Baptist front, the Historical Commission is publishing a brief history of each state the denomination serves. The book will be available at the National Convention in Tulsa.

The California state work has remained firm during the past year. We enter into the Bicentennial celebration with deep appreciation for what has been but with an eye on what must be tomorrow. This Digest with its reports will show the total giving through the State Office up financially some \$6,200.00 over a year ago. The final count revealed that sixty-one (61) of the state's churches used the State Office in some capacity in the last twelve months. This does acknowledge that not only are California's eighty churches aware of the State Office's function but the majority have availed themselves of its services—some more, some less.

Four areas showed an upward trend while an equal number declared a downward trend. Foreign Missions giving climbed over last year's total by \$9,000.00. Cooperative receipts rallied to surpass 1975 by more than \$6,800.00. *Voice* income from subscriptions increased \$400.00. "Other" (including Department of Retirement and Insurance and Project Operation Partnership) giving registered a moderate rise.

But on the negative side. Although *Voice* subscriptions income was up, *Voice* subscriptions by number actually decreased by twenty-five. The subscription price increase brought in the added income. The largest minus through the State Office was CCC Designated giving; this area was down more than \$7,300.00 from a year ago. A serious decline. National Home Missions and State Missions both were losers in designated giving through the State Office. National Home Missions dipped \$3,000.00 while California State Missions slipped by \$200.00.

Twenty-eight (28) churches carried the responsibility for the Co-op Program in 1975-76. That leaves just over fifty (50) or 2/3 of the state's churches as potential supporters in 1976. Wider Co-op participation and increased designated giving looms as priority *ONE* for us as we enter into our nation's 201st year.

STATE OFFICE
TRIBUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS
June 1, 1975-May 31, 1976

CHURCH	CO-OP	MISSIONS					OTHER	TOTAL
		VICE	CCC	NFM	NHM	STATE		
Anahaim		12.00						\$12.00
Antioch		15.00						15.00
Arvin	1,211.82	63.00	1,139.00	120.00	221.00	88.33	60.00	2,903.15
Bakersfield, First				4,929.42	1,801.33	85.00	53.00	6,868.75
Bakersfield, South Union		6.00	369.12	158.20	130.82	185.59		849.73
Baldwin Park	1,199.08	54.00	23.52		84.00			1,360.60
Bellflower, Downey Ave.		18.00	107.47	53.73	53.73			232.93
Bell Gardens	1,789.76	45.00		55.00	162.45			2,052.21
Campbell	1,000.00		337.00	170.00	212.52	295.25		2,014.77
Castro Valley, Ashland		9.00						9.00
Ceres, Village Chapel	2,284.78	60.00	2,284.79	9,029.93	1,074.50	2,685.08		17,419.08
Chowchilla		60.00			39.55			99.55
Clovis	2,215.32	60.00	106.00	30.00	238.10	45.00	110.00	2,804.42
Concord		60.00	161.00	527.21				748.21
Corcoran		9.00		156.75	407.00	2.00		574.75
Dorris	359.04	15.00						374.04
El Sobrante	4,982.61	105.00	1,160.35	2,784.06	5,384.96	128.54		14,545.52
Exeter		15.00	482.70	155.00	546.20	743.04		1,941.94
Farmersville		9.00	428.23	159.94	212.68			809.85
Fresno, Covenant			40.00	700.44				740.44
Fresno, Memorial	3,539.59	60.00	3,662.06	2,919.93	321.00		251.00	10,753.58
Garden Grove				671.29	193.04	107.52		971.85

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS (Cont'd.)

CHURCH	CO-OP	VOICE	CCC	MISSIONS			OTHER	TOTAL
				NFM	NHM	STATE		
Goshen, Neighborhood			62.62	9.00	74.00	51.68	85.88	283.18
Greenfield		12.00		76.00	599.63	218.72		906.35
Hanford	1,879.85	45.00	282.00	513.00	466.00	380.00	115.00	3,680.85
Hughson		36.00	322.00			92.89		450.89
Huntington Park	820.00	30.00	184.66		95.71	10.00		1,140.37
Kerman		45.00	135.00	705.00	200.00	60.00	67.00	1,212.00
Lamont	1,347.22							1,347.22
Lindsay	562.42							562.42
Lompoc				407.99	77.00	106.51		591.50
Modesto, First	640.62	51.00	257.00	863.00	436.40	177.16		2,425.18
Modesto, North	577.00			122.00	80.00	271.88		1,050.88
Newark		27.00	355.36	112.79	266.99	65.62		827.76
Norwalk		24.00	341.75	279.74	324.09	276.06	6.00	1,251.64
Olivehurst	125.42		50.00		30.00			205.42
Ontario, First	1,296.55	30.00	377.97	10.00	401.75	189.56		2,305.83
Ontario Ruthites			120.00		60.00		180.00	
Ontario, Princeton		24.00	142.61	310.49	121.37	42.00		640.47
Orange Cove		24.00	20.00	274.00	41.00			359.00
Oxnard	50.00	36.00	109.60	254.00	250.00	100.00	150.00	949.60
Petaluma	119.75	5.00	265.00	1,362.00	195.00	100.00		2,046.75
Pleasant Hill			333.05	119.50	20.00	622.07		1,094.62
Porterville			374.63	641.01	138.27			1,153.91
Rodeo, Faith Chapel		30.00						30.00
Sacramento, Capitol			25.00	875.80	189.20	535.00		1,625.00
Salinas, First		18.00		101.00	128.63	13.00		260.63

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS (Cont'd.)

CHURCH	CO-OP	VOICE	CCC	MISSIONS			OTHER	TOTAL
				NFM	NHM	STATE		
Salinas, Spring		24.00	58.25	10.00	3.00	2.00		97.25
San Jose	31.06			20.70				51.76
Santa Clara	242.00		66.23			32.30		340.53
Santa Paula	2,478.25	30.00	215.00	296.05	129.00	99.00	12.00	3,259.30
Selma, American					96.30			96.30
Selma, First		3.00	1,258.92	653.83	894.12		195.00	3,004.87
Shafter	119.87		338.75	6.00	127.00	151.63		743.25
Taft	240.00	21.00		10.00	782.86			1,053.86
Tracy	409.38	21.00			173.75			604.13
Tulare	936.97	60.00	1,100.48	148.00	389.00	5.00		2,639.45
Turlock	1,982.40			72.50	68.75			2,123.65
Visalia, Demaree	1,414.61	30.00	100.00	97.90				1,642.51
Visalia, First		18.00	326.02	176.26		121.40	324.40	966.08
Wasco Mission		9.00						9.00
Winters		21.00						21.00
Individual Gifts					25.00	590.00		615.00
Individual Subscriptions		30.50						30.50
Clovis Printing Refund							18.84	18.84
Association Dues							1,279.00	1,279.00
West Coast Mission Board						100.00		100.00
Southern No. 2 Quarterly Meeting				168.57				168.57
Southern No. 1 C.T.S.			45.00	45.00			45.00	135.00
TOTALS	<u>33,855.37</u>	<u>1,379.50</u>	<u>17,448.14</u>	<u>31,482.03</u>	<u>17,906.70</u>	<u>8,838.83</u>	<u>2,772.12</u>	<u>113,682.69</u>

DISBURSEMENTS		CO-OP DESIGNATED		TOTAL
Calif. Christian College	40%	\$13,542.18	\$17,448.14	\$30,990.32
Nat'l. Exec. Department	25%	8,463.84		8,463.84
State Mission Board	20%	6,771.07	8,838.83	15,609.90
State Office	15%	5,078.28	2,677.34	7,755.62
Foreign Mission Department			31,482.03	31,482.03
National Home Missions Department			17,906.70	17,906.70
Free Will Baptist Bible College			60.00	60.00
Department of Retirement			245.00	245.00
S.C. FWB Children's Home			369.40	369.40
Operation Partnership			309.00	309.00
Darwin Kelton			415.88	415.88
Doyle Terry			40.00	40.00
E. T. Hyatt Educational Fund			35.00	35.00
100%		\$33,855.37	\$79,827.32	\$113,682.69

FOREIGN MISSIONS DEPARTMENT

\$31,482.03

General Operation	\$985.03
New Missionary Account	362.75
Call-a-thon	76.80
Aldridge	739.43
Bishop	15.00
Calvary	1,263.58
Caton	931.19
Combs	374.07
Coscia	862.19
Crowson	673.39
Deeds	38.00
Eagleton	96.00
Fulcher	844.21
Gage	38.00
Haas	127.73
Hanna	15.00
Hersey	1,057.42
Inscoe	15.00
Japan	63.00
McLain	144.00
Mayhew	9,855.08
Miley	48.50
Mosier	170.00
Palmer	75.00
Payne	5.00
Poole	45.00
Sparks	447.59
A. Smith	14.00
Webb	11,282.82
M. Willey	817.25
TOTAL	\$31,842.03

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT**\$17,906.70**

General Operation	\$326.20
Barron	7,972.65
Bennett	30.00
Dunn	1,211.39
Hunt	711.67
Johns	5,715.01
Mexico	8.00
Powell	199.36
Russell	21.00
Texas Land	5.00
Thomas	1,561.42
Watson	15.00
Wood	130.00
TOTAL	<u>\$17,906.70</u>

CALIFORNIA STATE MISSION BOARD**\$15,609.90**

General Operation	\$947.11
E. B. Condit	7,146.14
L. Condit	613.04
Hale	2.00
Johns	2.00
Vallejo	128.54
	8,838.83
20% of Cooperative	6,771.07
TOTAL	<u>\$15,609.90</u>

OTHER**\$2,772.12**

Associational Dues-State Office	1,279.00
Clovis Printing Co.-Refund	18.84
Free Will Baptist Bible College	60.00
Department of Retirement	245.00
S.C. FWB Childrens' Home	369.40
Operation Partnership	309.00
Darwin Kelton	415.88
Doyle Terry	40.00
Ed T. Hyatt Educational Fund	35.00
TOTAL	<u>\$2,772.12</u>

STATE OFFICE
SCHEDULE OF INCOME, EXPENSES AND BALANCE
June 1, 1975-May 31, 1976

INCOME

15% of Co-op Allocations	\$5,078.28	
Voice Subscriptions	1,379.50	
State Association Dues:		
Northern	44.25	
Golden Gate	423.25	
Center	244.00	
Southern	323.25	
West Coast	244.25	
Clovis Printing Company Refund	18.84	
TOTAL INCOME		\$7,755.62

EXPENSES

Printing and Mailing VOICE	1,987.56	
Bookkeeping	2,100.00	
Telephone	323.43	
Office Supplies and Postage	139.32	
Anchor Ad	80.00	
Booth National Association 1975 and 1976	165.00	
Printing 1975 Minutes	1,012.11	
Programs and Digest of Reports	125.24	
Edward Johns (Phone and Mileage)	145.00	
Edward Johns (Moderator)	50.00	
Jack L. Williams (Assistant Moderator)	35.00	
June Rolen (Clerk)	65.00	
Nettie Lou Jernigan (Assistant Clerk)	45.00	
Dr. J. D. O'Donnell (Guest Speaker)	200.00	
Joe Grizzle (Re: Petition)	50.49	
California Trophy Shop (Reford Wilson Trophy)	46.90	
National Association (1975 Representation Fees)	50.00	
Jack L. Williams (Promotional Meeting)	40.00	
Hanford Dedication Flowers	22.79	
Edward F. Johns-General Board Mileage	61.00	
Chester Burgess-General Board Mileage	52.80	
Claudie Hames-General Board Mileage	26.40	
Joe Grizzle-General Board Mileage	49.68	
Nuel Brown-Program Committee Mileage	60.72	
Gerald Myers-Program Committee Mileage	27.84	
TOTAL EXPENSES		6,961.28

BALANCE FORWARD June 1, 1975	\$2,099.94	
INCOME	7,755.62	
	<u>9,855.56</u>	
LESS EXPENSES	6,961.28	
BALANCE, May 31, 1976	<u><u>\$2,894.28</u></u>	

CALIFORNIA STATE MISSION BOARD
RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
April 1, 1975 to March 31, 1976

Beginning Balance \$11,266.80

RECEIPTS:

Cooperative Allocation	\$5,987.32	
Designated Gifts		
General Fund	1,835.26	
Larry Condit	443.45	
E. B. Condit	6,053.75	
Johnnie Hale	6.00	
Vallejo Mission	542.22	
Edward Johns	2.00	
Insurance Claim-Olivehurst	603.84	
Repayments:		
Sacramento Church	11,578.71	
C C. C.	25.00	
		<u>27,077.55</u>
		<u>\$38,344.35</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

Salary:		
Larry Condit	443.45	
E. B. Condit	9,767.00	
Jim Mosley	1,400.00	
Rent:		
Vallejo	150.00	
Ventura	543.55	
Travel Expense	987.90	
Telephone	928.97	
Office Supplies	38.73	
Auditing	25.00	
Pay-off-Sacramento Property	11,178.71	
D. Storey-Reimburse for Ins. Loss	303.84	
Refund to Sherwood Forest Church	753.01	
Olivehurst Church	464.00	
Loan to C. C. C.	5,000.00	
		<u>31,984.16</u>

BALANCE ON HAND \$6,360.19

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

There is a \$10,000.00 savings account with the United California Bank, Ceres, California. Account No. 305240
 This money was received from the Capitol Free Will Baptist Church, Sacramento, California. They paid their loan in full to the California State Mission Board.

TRIPLE AAA REPORT

I. ALUMNI

California Christian College has a sizable alumni scattered now around the world. Sometimes though it is thought that the alumni is so scattered that it's next to impossible to bring them together in an effective organized force. Such a force, however, must be mustered. Quite often an alumnus asks about accreditation of CCC. Most usually the one asked will give the standard answers but fails to speak directly to an issue that affects accreditation through alumni involvement.

One of the things required by the accrediting association is that the college have an organized, active, alumni association that works continually to help the institution progress. Each former student can help CCC reach its ultimate academic goal—accreditation.

While "Minutemen" are joining ranks to help bolster the program, the "Former Student Force" should be that flank that reenforces the front line thrust. Muster now! A good report of such reenforcements is needed when the "self-study" is laid before the Committee of AABC this fall.

An organization of the alumni has existed but has not emerged to make itself fully known. *Now is the hour; arise . . . shine.*

II. ACADEMICS

One cannot think of the academic program of a college without giving much thought to the library. A library is not that place occasionally visited by the frantic student on the night before term paper deadline. Nor is it the assigned facility that houses musty books that are seldom opened. The library is the one single most needed integral part of a college.

From the standpoint of books catalogued (about 8,000), your college has a good library. A library building to house from twenty-four to thirty thousand volumes needs desperately to be erected. In these facilities office space for the librarian must be provided plus an adequate reading room. Plans will be drawn on this project before the fall semester begins. Your Board has stated in session that tentative plans should be drawn up and a plan of financing should be declared. The only reason there has been delay in this matter is the instability of the general fund. Believing that California Free Will Baptists will arise again to the need, I have decided that to borrow (first time I have been willing to borrow) money for the construction of the library would be advisable. All of this, of course, must be worked out with the College Board.

A bid has been placed on a 16,000 volume library in Stockton. CCC's College Board has figured out how this can be financed without putting additional strain on the college treasury. As you can readily see, the library building is a must.

Mrs. Rhonda Thomas who has been librarian for seven years will be leaving for Colorado with her husband and son in early August. Miss Connie Bomar will assume the position in addition to her responsibilities in the English Department.

III. ACCREDITATION

An extensive self-study has been in progress at CCC and will be continued until a full and complete report can be sent to AABC. CCC has belonged to AABC for the past several years, but has had only Applicant Status standing. If after the report is given and the committee has visited the campus, acceptance will give CCC Associate Membership Status. Then after a year or so full membership will be sought. Associate Status gives a college all rights and privileges but is rather temporary. This is the course that must be taken however.

At the present time two significant things stand much in need of attention and remedy. The library which has already been dealt with under academics and a more stable general fund. Other things that follow in close pursuit are active alumni, upgrade of salaries, and scholarships. All of those things listed are well within the grasp of California Free Will Baptists. With the support of the constituent members of the State Association your college could well be accredited this fall.

For that reason you are appealed to as never before to give sacrificially. If every Free Will Baptist present at the 1976 session of the California State Association would pledge themselves to helping meet the need and would carry the message home to the local churches CCC would sail through a much calmer sea this coming academic year.

CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
BALANCE SHEET
As of March 31, 1976
—Unaudited—

Exhibit A

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Petty Cash	\$100.00	
Cash in Bank-General	367.18	
Cash in Bank-Sinking Fund	550.02	
Accounts Receivable-Students	7,335.91	
Mortgage Impounds	699.30	
Prepaid Interest	779.92	
Inventory Book Store-At Cost	<u>2,736.73</u>	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		\$12,569.06

NON-CURRENT ASSETS

Land	47,420.99	
Buildings	95,672.00	
Dormitory-New Girls	65,263.46	
Chapel Extension	32,409.96	
Furniture-Dormitories	6,732.71	
Furniture & Fixtures-Office	8,798.87	
Library Books	21,456.96	
Furniture & Fixtures-Library	332.48	
Athletic Equipment	294.39	
Automotive Equipment	6,487.70	
Kitchen Equipment	5,220.01	
Yard & Maintenance	1,562.67	
Music Department Equipment	2,309.75	
Furniture & Fixtures-Classrooms	<u>1,348.80</u>	
Sub-Total	295,310.75	
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>81,852.72</u>	
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		213,458.03
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$226,027.09</u>

CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
BALANCE SHEET
As of March 31, 1976

Exhibit A

Unaudited

LIABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$5,075.00	
Payroll Taxes	942.14	
Notes & Contracts Payable (1)	18,678.58	
Mortgages Payable-Current (2)	<u>6,816.00</u>	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		\$31,511.72

NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES

Notes & Contracts Payable (1)	1,596.54	
Mortgages Payable (2)	45,422.11	
Bonds Payable (3)	<u>28,850.00</u>	
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>75,868.65</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES	107,380.37
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FUND BALANCE (4)	<u>118,646.72</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	<u><u>\$226,027.09</u></u>
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CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
FOOTNOTES TO THE BALANCE SHEET
As of March 31, 1976
Unaudited

Schedule A-1

(1) NOTES & CONTRACTS PAYABLE	<u>Current</u>	<u>Non-Current</u>
(A) Contract Payable-Bank of America-Payable @ \$87.38 monthly.	\$436.90	
(B) Note Payable-First National Bank.	6,000.00	
(C) Note Payable-An individual Payable on Demand with 7% interest-Payable quarterly	9,000.00	
(D) Contract Payable-Wells Fargo Bank-Payable @ \$145.14 monthly	1,741.68	1,596.54
(E) Note Payable-An individual	1,500.00	
TOTAL	<u>\$18,678.58</u>	<u>\$1,596.54</u>
 (2) MORTGAGES PAYABLE		
(A) Note Payable-Secured by Trust Deed on 4864 E. Normal, Payable @ \$163.00 monthly @ 6% interest.	\$1,956.00	\$11,661.58
(B) Note Payable-Secured by Trust Deed on 4863 E. Normal, Payable @ \$154.00 monthly @ 6% interest.	1,848.00	12,056.23
(C) Note Payable-Secured by Trust Deed on 4863 E. Floradora-Payable @ \$251.00 monthly	3,012.00	21,704.30
TOTAL	<u>\$6,816.00</u>	<u>\$45,422.11</u>
 (3) BOND PAYABLE		
6% Bonds Issued, Secured by Real Property Crocker National Bank acts as Trustee and makes payments. \$135.00 weekly is placed in sinking fund for interest and retirement of Bonds.		<u>\$28,850.00</u>
 (4) FUND BALANCE		
Fund Balance-March 31, 1975		\$136,049.87
Deduct: Net (Loss) Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 1976		(18,073.90)
Add: Contributions of Fixed Assets		552.75
Allocation to National Home Missions		
Student Loan Fund		<u>118.00</u>
 FUND BALANCE-March 31, 1976		<u>\$118,646.72</u>

CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSES
Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 1976

Exhibit B

Unaudited

INCOME

Activity Charge	\$1,180.00
Registration Fees	2,630.00
Tuition	25,337.78
Music Fees	802.50
Cooperative Receipts	31,315.58
Gifts-General	35,935.83
Designated	1,093.07
Graduation Fees	237.00
Miscellaneous	1,292.64
Rent	5,325.00
Bookstore-Textbooks	2,507.94
-Yearbook	470.00
-Miscellaneous	2,619.99
Dining Hall-Semester Board	10,650.00
-Cash Meals	742.62
-Vending Machines	595.32
Gain on Sale of Assets	<u>1,191.79</u>

TOTAL INCOME

\$123,927.06

EXPENSES

Schedule B-1 Attached

142,000.96

NET (LOSS)

\$(18,073.90)

CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
SCHEDULE OF EXPENSES
Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 1976
Unaudited

GENERAL AND EDUCATIONAL

Schedule B-1 Page 1

Payroll-Administrative	\$11,945.00	
-Office	9,130.00	
-Other	2,194.41	
Payroll Taxes	3,978.47	
Office Expenses	2,958.31	
Telephone	3,446.52	
Promotion	2,583.20	
Travel-Trustees	433.77	
Legal & Accounting	585.17	
Honorarium	1,055.00	
Miscellaneous	1,132.63	
Dues, Subscriptions & Licenses	618.50	
Depreciation	13,158.58	
Bad Debts	382.12	
Auto Expenses	3,805.60	
Hospitalization Insurance	3,371.94	
Employee Retirement	432.09	
Graduation Expense	503.46	
TOTAL GENERAL & EDUCATIONAL		\$61,714.77

DORMITORY

Repairs & Maintenance	9.75
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BOOKSTORE

Purchases-Books	1,162.91	
Cost of Yearbook	415.00	
Miscellaneous	1,508.76	
Sales Taxes	362.36	
TOTAL BOOKSTORE		3,449.03

DINING HALL

Food	5,355.56	
Salaries	4,513.67	
Supplies	81.66	
Vending Machines	604.54	
Special Occasions	460.03	
TOTAL DINING HALL		11,015.46

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CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
SCHEDULE OF EXPENSES
Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 1976

Schedule B-1, Page 2

INSTRUCTIONAL

Payroll	\$38,668.00	
Music Department	115.87	
Practical Work	42.52	
Visual Aid and Film	35.05	
Physical Education	<u>.63</u>	
TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL		\$38,862.07

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

Payroll	2,342.39	
Utilities	7,048.05	
Insurance	1,100.22	
Building Repairs	277.99	
Equipment Repairs	588.60	
Janitorial Service & Supplies	488.25	
Property Taxes	2,092.85	
Interest	6,749.74	
Miscellaneous	167.19	
Supplies & Small Tools	<u>536.18</u>	
TOTAL OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE		21,391.46

LIBRARY

Payroll	5,457.19	
Supplies	25.28	
Subscriptions	<u>75.95</u>	
TOTAL LIBRARY		5,558.42
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>\$142,000.96</u>

STATISTICAL REPORT OF AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS

<i>Association</i>	<i>Center</i>	<i>Golden Gate</i>	<i>Northern California</i>	<i>Southern</i>	<i>West Coast</i>	<i>Total</i>
Churches	10	27	10	18	15	80
Membership	652	1,534	269	1,436	782	4,673
Members-Received	119	245	44	178	150	736
Members-Lost	76	132	23	99	123	453
Ordained Ministers	23	37	19	33	16	128
Licensed Ministers	12	18	1	7	9	47
Deacons	31	70	21		41	163
Sunday Schools	10	27	10	18	15	80
Sunday School Enrollment	702	2,069			871	3,642
Average Attendance	695	1,638		1,552	662	4,547
C.T.S.	5				9	14
C.T.S. Enrollment	246	374			246	1,112
C.T.S. Average Attendance	274			340	116	730
Woman's Auxiliaries	5				9	14
Auxiliary Enrollment	91	76		122	92	381
Master's Men	1				1	2
Master's Men Enrollment	9				18	27
Prayer Meetings	10	27	7	18	12	74
Parsonages	3		3	12	9	27
Value of Churches and Parsonages	\$886,000	\$7,903,480	\$433,000	\$1,197,140	\$1,227,625	\$11,227,245

STATISTICAL REPORT OF AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS

<i>Association</i>	<i>Center</i>	<i>Gate Golden</i>	<i>Northern California</i>	<i>Southern</i>	<i>West Coast</i>	<i>Total</i>
Total Income	118,176	364,306		252,288	228,237	
Expenditures for Local Causes						
Pastor's Salaries	55,374			77,933	53,348	
Evangelistic Work						
Building and Repair	68,690			14,264	79,565	
Miscellaneous	78,592				6,633	
Total Local Expenditures	189,314	325,986		224,095	209,632	
Expenditures for World Missions						
Cooperative Plan	7,372	9,403		4,491	7,310	
Foreign Missions	4,332	29,443		6,560	3,781	
Home Missions and Church Extension	3,964	15,442		8,130	2,250	
Free Will Baptist Bible College		10,463			484	
Other National Ministries	14	1,198			11	
District or State Ministries	1,192	581		3,435	4,127	
Other Causes	7,558	1,501		6,632	1,321	
Total Outside Expenditures	24,432	70,075		30,364	18,728	

This Statistical Report is designed to reflect a plenary picture, however, it is only partially complete due to fragmented information from some district associations.

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

April 3, 1976

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

VISALIA, CALIFORNIA

THEME: "Let Freedom Ring"

The Twenty-Eighth Session of California State Woman's Auxiliary Convention met with the First Free Will Baptist Church, Visalia, California, April 3, 1976 with the President, June Rolan presiding.

State officers met at 8:30 a.m. for an Executive Committee meeting and registration began at 9:00 a.m. with Janice Rolan acting as registrar due to the absence of the Vice-President, Joyce Horner.

The Convention opened with singing "America" directed by Mary Moore, Richmond, accompanied by Donna Smith, Oxnard followed with prayer by Barbara Otwell, Santa Paula.

President June Rolan gave devotional thoughts in keeping with the bicentennial theme. The congregation sang "Faith of Our Fathers."

Betty Watson, State Field worker and Southern District President, brought greetings to approximately 200 women and men.

President June Rolan introduced the members of the Executive Committee.

Sandra Jones, State Secretary, brought the morning devotion.

The following committees were appointed by the president:

REGISTRATION

Janice Rolan
Verla Fletcher
Carol Dolman
Juanita Wood
Lola Williams

RESOLUTION

Phyllis Shipman
Barbara Blankenship
Pat Smith
Barbara Myer
Barbara Childers

CREDENTIALS

Sandra Jones
Florene Sharp
Shirley Freimanis
Marguerite Busby
Donna Smith

FINANCE

Nora Hampton
Marge Winters
Reba Kirk
Jewell Strickland
Pearl Coughran

PLACEMENT

Betty Watson
Minnie Lacefield
Louise Riddle
Vida Fry
Becky Pettyjohn

APPRECIATION

Gladys Bradshaw
Jackie Fisher
Emma Puett
Evelyn Smith
Belva Minson

Executive Committee minutes were read and accepted. Center, Golden Gate, Southern and West Coast District reports were read and accepted.

The Field Worker's report was received as information.

Report of Student Loan Fund was given by Winnie McLain. The report was accepted.

Evelyn Smith (Arvin), Minnie Lacefield (Clovis) and Becky Pettyjohn (Norwalk), gave "Something More" recalling the activities of the Women's Prayer Retreat held October 16-18, 1975 at Emerald Cove Camp, Bass Lake, California.

Special recognition was given Barbara Otwell, Santa Paula, for having won third place award in last years WNAC creative writing contest the "Plays" division.

Dismissed in prayer by Shirley Vanderburg, Hanford for hospitality hour. The Visalia Auxiliary served coffee and doughnuts.

After the hospitality hour, the convention was called to order. Mary Moore directed the congregational hymn "Blessed Assurance" followed with prayer by Carol Bechere, Newark.

Delegates and alternates to the National Auxiliary Convention in Tulsa, Okla., were appointed as follows: Nora Hampton, Shirley Vanderburg, Sandra Jones, Eula Mae Yocham, Nettie Lou Jernigan, Juanita Parker, Donna Smith, Mary Moore, Louise Riddle, Shirley Freimanis, Barbara Myer, Evelyn Smith, Barbara Otwell, Mary Sluder, Joyce Perreira, Becky Pettyjohn and Winnie McLain.

Winnie McLain was elected to serve as a member of WNAC nominating committee.

The following were elected to serve on the Student Loan Committee: Juanita Parker (5 years), Mary Moore (4 years), Juanita Wood (2 years), Shirley Vanderburg (1 year).

The report of the Credentials Committee was read and accepted. Center, Golden Gate, Southern and West Coast letters were found in order.

The report of the Registration Committee was read and accepted. Total registered—191, Center District—61, Golden Gate District—34, Southern District—58, West Coast District—13, Ministers and Visitors—25.

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

We recommend:

1. That WNAC be reimbursed for travel expense for Mrs. Cleo Pursell to this convention.
2. That dues be \$1.50 per member (\$1.00 for WNAC and \$.50 for State).
3. That \$60.00 be paid for the printing of the minutes with the State Association minutes.
4. That \$1.00 per member be paid for purchasing new drapes for Mrs. Pursell's (WNAC Executive Secretary) office and that \$1.00 per member be paid for remodeling the reception area at California Christian College.
5. That each auxiliary be encouraged to support the national program with a *Co-Laborer* offering.
6. That each auxiliary be encouraged to support education by giving \$15.00 to the California Christian College Student Loan Fund.
7. That the Dormettes of CCC be given \$30.00 for lunch expense as they will be providing the special music for the eleven o'clock service.

The following report of the Placement Committee was read and accepted: The Memorial (Fresno), Exeter and Visalia Auxiliaries requested the 1977 Convention.

The Twenty-Ninth Session of the California State Woman's Auxiliary Convention will convene at the Memorial Free Will Baptist Church, 4141 N. Millbrook, Fresno on April 2, 1977.

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

We recommend that a registration fee of \$1.00 be paid by each member attending the convention and that this fee be used to help defray Convention expense.

The following report was read and accepted:

We, the Appreciation Committee, would like to extend to Betty Watson and the Visalia Woman's Auxiliary a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality, refreshments and table decorations and to the Southern District for the flowers, and also a standing vote of thanks to the President, June Rolen for her continued devotion and leadership of the State Auxiliary Convention.

Prayer by Mrs. Cleo Pursell, Nashville, Tenn.

WORSHIP SERVICE

The service opened with the congregation singing "America the Beautiful" and "To God Be the Glory" followed with prayer by Dr. Wade T. Jernigan, President of California Christian College.

After offertory prayer by June Rolen the offering was received.

The California Christian College Dormettes provided special music in a bicentennial tribute to America.

Mrs. Cleo Pursell, Executive Secretary of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention, spoke on the theme—"Let Freedom Ring" using John 8:31-32.

Mary Moore, Richmond sang "The Saviour Is Waiting" as the closing song followed with dismissal prayer by the Rev. Truman Huddleston, Corcoran.

LUNCHEON ACTIVITIES

The convention met at the Argonaut Mine in Visalia for the noon meal and remaining activities.

Luncheon tables carried out the bicentennial theme with red, white and blue ribbons surrounding red and white carnations and liberty bells. Bell shaped prayer reminders for state and national leaders were at each place setting.

Numerous games were held following the meal including "Who's Got the Thimble?" Two birthday cakes, one shaped like the United States, the other like the liberty bell, were the luncheon dessert.

Mary Moore sang "The Wayfaring Stranger" accompanied by Donna Smith.

Mrs. Pursell spoke following the luncheon on "Our Birthday" giving highlights of the United States' heritage. She said the Declaration of Independence is America's birth certificate. She read "I am the Nation" by Otto Whittaker.

The women joined Mary Moore in singing one of the new bicentennial songs submitted to WNAC—"Happy Birthday America" (Tune—"Battle Hymn of the Republic").

Dismissal prayer by Reba Kirk, Village Chapel.

Immediately following prayer several auxiliaries presented gifts to Pursell—Cash, personal items and clothes.

June Rolen, President
Sandra Jones, 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 members 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 members.

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 auxiliaries 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 principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday 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."