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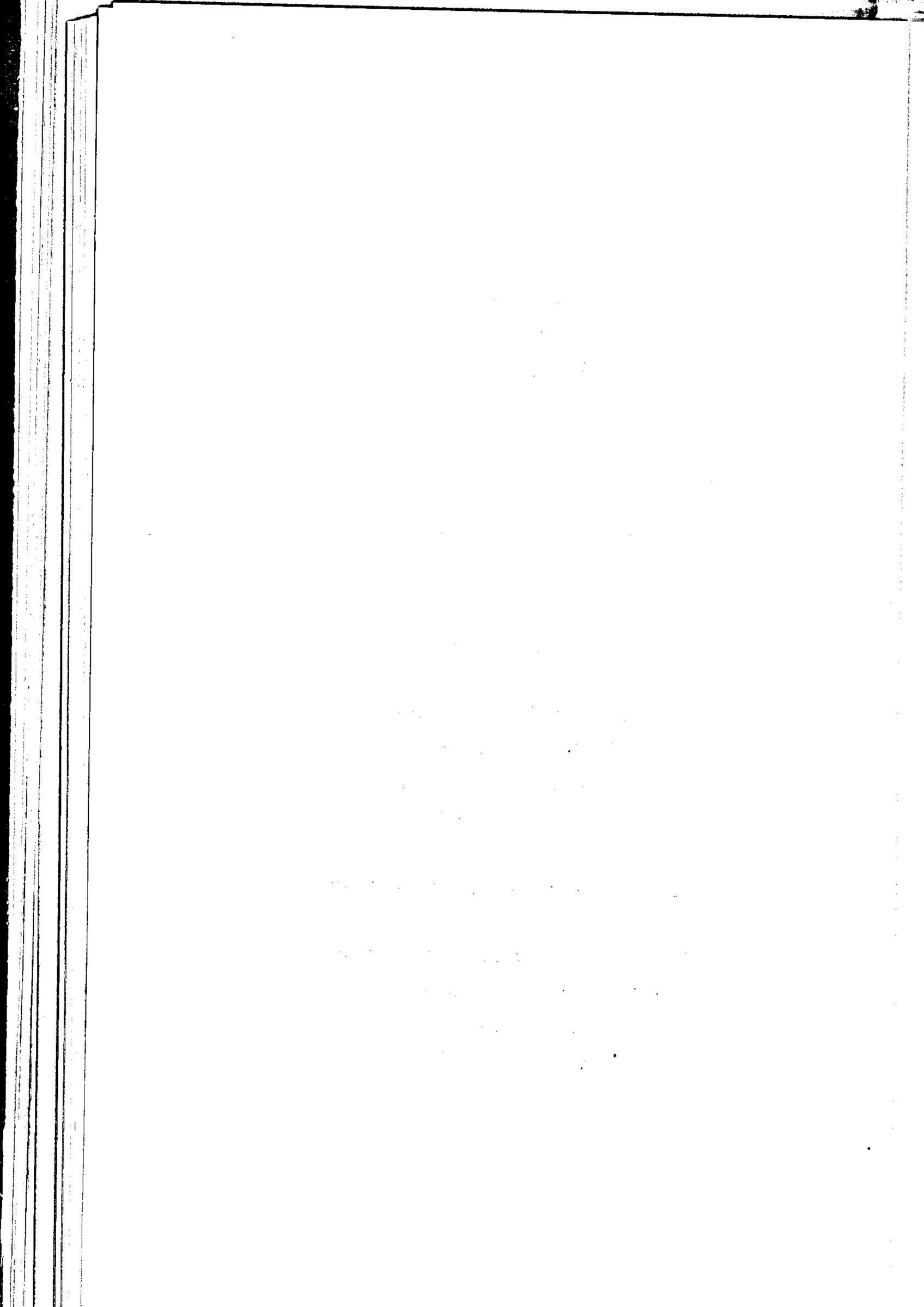
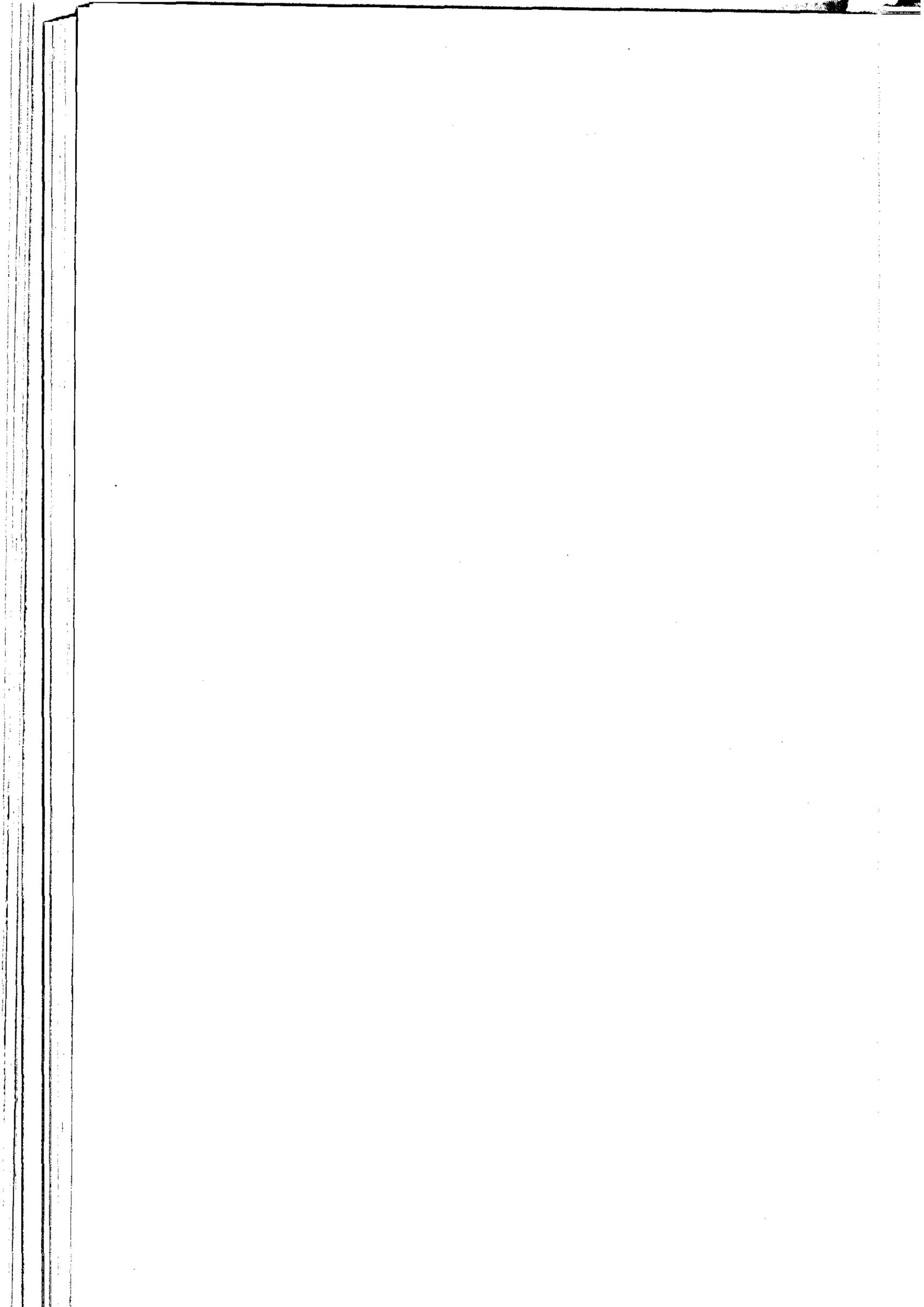


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PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY EVENING SERVICE

THEME: "CAUSES WORTH DEFENDING" 1 Samuel 17:29

The Thirty-Fourth Annual Session of the California State Association of Free Will Baptists met at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Bakersfield, 2236 East California, Bakersfield, California June 16-18, 1977. The convention hymn "One Day" was directed by Allen Kennedy, Bakersfield. Margie Kennedy served as convention pianist and Frances McDermott, organist, also of Bakersfield. After prayer by the Rev. Cecil Spurlock, Santa Paula, the congregation sang "He Brought Me Out."

The association was called to order by the Clerk, June Rolen, who introduced the Moderator, the Rev. Edward Johns, for the Moderator's message.

Special music by the Bakersfield Choir "I Want To Be There" and "I Want You To Know My Jesus."

The Rev. Tom Hunt, pastor of the Mountain View Free Will Baptist Church, brought the message "The Gospel Worth Defending."

The Committee on Committees was appointed as follows: Carl Young, Chairman, Fred Sessions, Charles Marshall, Doice McAlister and Lonnie Rolen.

Benediction by the Rev. John Smith, Oxnard.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The opening hymn was "One Day" followed with prayer by the Rev. Blaine Bishop. The congregation sang "When We All Get To Heaven." Devotional thoughts were delivered by Vilnis Freimanis, Salinas, using Acts 23:12.

The Rev. Claudie Hames, host pastor, welcomed ministers, delegates and visitors.

Motion carried to adopt the program with the time flexible.

Letters from the Northern, Golden Gate, San Joaquin, Center, Southern and West Coast District Associations were read, accepted, and the delegates seated. Motion carried to accept the petitionary letter from the Central Coast Association.

Letter of resignation from Jack L. Williams, Assistant Moderator was read and accepted. Robert Riddle was elected as Assistant Moderator.

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

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

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

General Board members were elected as follows: Chester Burgess (Northern), Ronn Jackson (San Joaquin), Milburn Wilson (Golden Gate), Lonnie Rolen (Center), Claudie Hames (Southern), Charles Marshall (West Coast), and Cecil Spurlock (Central Coast).

Claudie Hames was elected as General Board member of the National

Association.

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

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

The service opened with the hymn "Since I Have Been Redeemed," followed with prayer by the Rev. Carl Young, Petaluma. The congregation sang "What A Wonderful Saviour" and "Faith Is The Victory." Doyle and Donna Terry, Kansas, sang "The King and the Beggar" and "I Want To Stroll Over Heaven With You."

The Rev. Kenneth Sluder, pastor of Princeton Free Will Baptist Church, Ontario, brought the message "The Church Worth Defending" using Ephesians 5:25.

Benediction by Joe Cluck, Shafter.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The session began with the hymn "One Day" followed by prayer led by the Rev. Cecil Spurlock, Santa Paula. The congregation sang "Send The Light."

Moderator Johns recognized the new pastors in the State, Rev. Cecil Spurlock, Santa Paula and Rev. Milburn Wilson, El Sobrante.

The Rev. Roger Reeds, National Sunday School Director, brought greetings and a report from the National Sunday School Department.

Doyle Terry gave a report for the National Layman's Board.

Rick Vanderburg was elected to serve three years as a Senator of the Master's Men from California.

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

An oral report was given by the Rev. Tom Hunt on the work in Mountain View. The Rev. E. B. Condit gave a report about the work in Ventura which terminated June 1, 1977.

Rev. Ronn Jackson was elected as five-year member of the State Mission Board.

Dr. Daniel W. Parker gave a comparative statistical report of California Christian College.

Dr. Wade T. Jernigan gave a report of California Christian College. Motion carried to accept the report. (See Departmental Reports.)

Those elected to the California Christian College Board of Trustees were: Vernon Jones (nine-year member), John Young (three-year member), and Cecil Spurlock (two-year member).

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

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

The Program Committee was elected as follows: Lonnie Rolen, Tom Hampton, Ben Bush, Dale Vanderburg and Daniel Parker.

Delegates appointed to the National Association, Detroit, Michigan, July 17-21, 1977 were: Floyd Mahan, E. T. Hyatt, Rick Vanderburg, Donna Smith and June Rolen.

June Rolen gave an oral report of the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention which convened April 2 at the Memorial Free Will Baptist Church, Fresno,

Rick Vanderburg gave an oral report of the State Youth Conference which met April 22-23 at California Christian College.

Motion carried to adjourn until 9:00 a.m. Saturday.

Benediction by the Rev. Ron Palmer, Downey.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

The service opened with singing "One Day" and "The Old Account Was Settled."

A convention offering of \$226.36 was received with offertory prayer by the Rev. Tom Hunt, Mountain View.

The Bakersfield Teen Choir sang "A Chariot of Clouds," "I Know Where I'm Going" and "He Died For Us" directed by Allen Kennedy.

Dr. Milburn Wilson, pastor of the Sherwood Forest Free Will Baptist Church in El Sobrante, brought the message "The Home Worth Defending" using 2 Kings 20:15.

Resolution No. 2, a Constitutional change regarding General Board members, was read and tabled until Saturday.

Benediction by Paul Kennedy, El Sobrante.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The opening hymn was "One Day" and the congregation sang "I Want To Be A Worker."

Nelson Markham, Demaree, brought the morning devotion "Where There Is No Vision, People Perish." Prayer by the Rev. Vern Gunnels, American Church, Selma.

Recommendation No. 2 of the report of the Resolution Committee was read. Motion carried to accept. (See Reports.)

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

Motion made and carried that five hundred minutes be printed.

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

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

Officers were elected as follows:

ModeratorEdward F. JohnsAssistant ModeratorPaul KennedyClerk-TreasurerJune RolenAssistant Clerk-TreasurerNettie Lou Jernigan

Rev. Edward F. Johns was elected as an alternate General Board member to the National Association.

Motion carried that a letter be sent to Anita Bryant Greene commending her on championing the cause "Save Our Children" in opposition to the Gay Rights Movement. Motion carried that a recom-

mendation be sent to the National Association requesting that the National Association send a letter of commendation, also.

Motion carried that a letter be sent to Judge Hugh F. Goodwin,

Fresno, in support of his advocacy for righteous judgment.

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

The session was dismissed in prayer.

SATURDAY ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

The service opened with the congregation singing "Saved By The Blood." A duet "What If Someone Had Not Told Me About Jesus" was sung by Allen and Margie Kennedy accompanied by Donna Van Horn. Donna Van Horn sang "I Need Thee Every Hour" accompanied by Margie Kennedy.

Dr. Roger Reeds, Nashville, Tennessee, brought the message "Defending The Blessed Hope," Titus 2:13.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Benediction by the Rev. Dale Vanderburg, Hanford.

REPORTS

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Carl Young, Chairman Fred Sessions Charles Marshall Doice McAlister Lonnie Rolen

RESOLUTION

Dale Vanderburg, Chairman Gene Fry Vernon Jones Tom Hampton Chester Burgess

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FINANCE

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OBITUARY

Evelyn Jones, Chairman Linda Hunt Linda Young Shirley Freimanis Vonya Jackson

TEMPERANCE

M. J. Wilson, Chairman Robert Leeds J. L. McAlister Richard Horner Tom Hunt

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

- 1. Recommend that all pastors encourage their churches to support the Cooperative Plan.
 - 2. We recommend the following Constitutional change:

Article V Description of Duties Section F—Second Sentence

"There shall also be selected by each affiliated district association one member to serve on this board."

- 3. Recommend that all pastors be encouraged to attend the State Association.
- 4. Recommend that a letter of appreciation be sent to Dr. Jack L. Williams for his service to California Free Will Baptists.

5. Recommend that a standing vote of thanks be given to the host church.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 1. Recommend that \$50.00 be paid to the Moderator, \$35.00 to the Association Moderator, \$65.00 to the Clerk-Treasurer, and \$45.00 to the Assistant Clerk-Treasurer.
- 2. Recommend that \$140.00 be sent to the National Association for representation fees.
- 3. Recommend that each district association represent with .50¢ per capita member for the 1978 session, .35¢ for state expenses and .15¢ for expenses for entertaining the National Association in 1980.
- 4. Recommend that \$100.00 be given as an honorarium to guest speaker, the Rev. Roger Reeds.
- 5. Recommend that the support through the Cooperative Plan be allocated as follows:

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

- 6. Recommend that .12¢ per mile be paid to the General Board members for transportation expense if any special meeting must be called. Also recommend that Program Committee members be paid .12¢ per mile for transportation expense when meeting to plan the program of the Association.
- 7. Recommend that the State Clerk-Treasurer be responsible for the printing of the *Voice*, the bookkeeping of the state office, and all secretarial duties relative to the office, and that he/she be paid \$175.00 per month.
- 8. Recommend that the Friday evening association offering of \$226.36 be given to the State Mission Board for the account of the Rev. Tom Hunt.

PUBLICATION COMMITTEE

- 1. Lost.
- 2. Recommendations:
- A. That the *Voice* be published quarterly; August, November, February and May.
- B. That the State Moderator and the chairman of the General Board, College Board of Trustees, State Woman's Auxiliary President and State CTS President submit a quarterly report of news to be included in the publication.
- C. That all local congregations be encouraged to submit articles and put the State Office on their mailing list for bulletins and news items.
 - D. That each associational clerk report the following:

Sunday School Attendance Souls saved and other information compiled from Association letter, plus a report of the Associational Meeting.

E. That the subscription rate be discontinued and the *Voice* be mailed by bundle to each church and mission of the State.

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

Recommend that the invitation of the Memorial Church be accepted, and that the 1978 session meet at Memorial Free Will Baptist Church, 4141 North Millbrook, Fresno, California 93726, phone (209) 227-9527.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We report that God in His infinite wisdom has called from our midst twenty of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

The names of the deceased are as follows:

CENTER ASSOCIATION

Kerman Church-Mrs. George Gowens, Eva Gregg, Wanda Kelton

Memorial Church-M. V. Little

Orange Cove Church—Mark Morris, Vera McGowan

Parlier Church—Gracie Wood

Selma Church-Verna McCullar, Don Ediger

CENTRAL COAST ASSOCIATION

Lompoc Church-William Burkhart, Estelle Douglas

GOLDEN GATE ASSOCIATION

Sherwood Forest Church, El Sobrante—Mrs. Millerborg, Mrs. Ransbottom NORTHERN ASSOCIATION

Valley View Acres Church—Effie McLain

Winters Church—Mrs. Constant

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION

Bakersfield Church—Minnie Groves

Corcoran Church-Mrs. Caven

Earlimart Church—Christine Farmer

Farmersville Church—Maudie Rowlett, Gertrude Myers

Porterville Church—Mrs. Ray, Elton Fink

Taft Church-Mrs. Edder, Mrs. Campbell

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

1 Corinthians 9:25—"And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible."

3 John 11—"Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God."

Whereas the Word of God teaches that we should preach, teach, and practice the whole counsel of God, and whereas those who strive for the mastery are to be temperate in all things; whereas all things may be lawful but not necessarily expedient; be it resolved that each minister, deacon, teacher, and layman be actively involved, taking a Biblical stand against the following subjects:

1. HOMOSEXUALITY—1 Corinthians 6:9—"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived;

neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind."

The consequences are clear to those who participate in these acts. We encourage our people to speak to the issue and to take corrective action through church, civic, or political movements.

2. VULGARITY—Ephesians 4:29—"Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers."

It 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—Ephesians 5:1-5—"Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour. But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you as becometh saints; Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God."

Since the Bible condemns all premarital and extramarital sexual activity, we encourage our people to protect their purity and to promote healthy marriages as outlined in 1 Corinthians 7:2-5,

"Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband. Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband. The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife. Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency."

4. NUDITY—Matthew 5:28—"But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart."

Christ warns man about the lust of the eye, so we encourage our people to exercise much discretion in their choice of attire.

5. CONFORMITY—Romans 12:1-2—"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

Since the above instructs believers in the area of worldliness, we encourage our people to exercise restraint in worldly fashions and in all their activities.

1 Corinthians 11:14—"Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?"

1 Timothy 2:9—"In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; ..."

PREFACE DIGEST OF REPORTS 1977 WHAT HATH GOD WROUGHT?

Having covered sundry happenings designed by Jehovah in the nomadic lives of His chosen, Balaam, Balak's hired prophet, asked "What hath God wrought?" His question, when simply interpreted, signals the indisputable fact that God hath accomplished all. When viewing the annual disclosure, keep indelibly in thought the full truth of the matter; man in his feeble scheming has failed to trigger positive acclaims—but providence has hammered through every purpose. A Gethsemane commitment to eternity's plan makes for better reporting in every spiritual circumstance.

Since the *Digest* in its various segments illustrates well the above, no attempt in this preface will be made to detail minutely all facts and figures. Each departmental missive will reveal God's workings through His denominated subjects.

Calendar year '76 recorded sixty-one California congregations choosing to channel monies through the State Office. Two less churches entrusted the State Office with distribution of world outreach stewardship. But even so, the accounting of the two years posts an increase in '77 over '76 of \$4,839.42. Though some churches dropped from the rolls of the cooperating, others joined the ranks of the loyal to carry out the King's Commission. All of this indicates an upward trend of financial concern.

Thirty-one of the ninety churches and missions comprising the state have given cooperatively (10% of income) during the year. A tabulated increase of \$5,586.06 reflects that the Cooperative Program is gaining somewhat in popularity, though for a while it had declined. Founders of the California Association saw the need of a unified effort and for that reason, long before the National Association adopted the Coop Plan, moved that each church should tithe of tithes through the association. However the financial pie is sliced, it seems that the "tried" in a cooperative sense is better than the "untried" or nothing in an independent sense.

Forty-three local California congregations gave financial assistance to your Fresno based Bible College. Those churches saw an increase in giving to CCC in the amount of \$5,951.94. If the other forty-seven had joined the forty-three, no special drives, pleas, or programs would have had to be employed. Surely every minister sees the need of a California-addressed Free Will Baptist Bible College. Every pastoral effort should be exerted in bringing all of the congregations into the asset column of the college bookkeeping.

While National Home Missions was enjoying a near \$3,000.00 increase (48 churches), Foreign Missions (41 churches), and State Missions (28 churches designated giving), suffered losses. Receipts to Foreign Missions were down \$6,593.90, and income to State Missions was off \$2,209.42. A careful reading may say something that needs to be said about the missions endeavor to carry out here, there, and everywhere the scriptural mandate—"every creature." Decreases are disturbing—particularly when they have to do with that which has so aptly been tagged "the heartbeat of God."

FATE. That's a harsh word. As harsh as it may be, there are times when it must be a part of serious communication. Talk about the *Voice* must be serious during this session. Your State Office can ill afford to continue to publish the paper with an ever-decreasing subscription roll, and an ever-increasing cost. Nine fewer churches (only 32 this year as against 43 last year) saw the need of subscribing to the publication. Five hundred dollars less in subscriptions, and \$635.08 in increased cost, vividly points to the "in-the-red" position of your voted news outlet. Has the time arrived for the demise of the *Voice*.

California State Association, made up of seven district associations, must not permit the dream of the fathers to blur. "I'll sail my ship alone" cannot be the theme of the heritage-conscious California Free Will Baptists. May Ichabod never come to be the appellation applied to the most western Free Will Baptist State Meeting. May it be in our minds only when we think of Mr. Crane, the fabled character of volumns past.

"What hath God wrought?" He hath wrought it ALL. If you choose to read Numbers 23:23, please let your eyes drop upon verse 24 and be

challenged. Take courage. United we yet stand.

STATE OFFICE RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS June 1, 1976—May 31, 1977

					Missions		•	
Church	Coop	Voice	CCC	NFM	NHM	State	Other	Total
Arvin	\$1,172.12	\$63.00	\$495.00	\$155.00	\$165.00	\$35.00	\$55.00	\$2,140.12
Bakersfield, First	•			3,289.48	2,032.93	143.00	115.66	5,581.07
Bakersfield, South Union		15.00	460.02	489.39	65.90			1,030.31
Baldwin Park	1,231.35		120.27	33.17	142.18			1,526.97
Bell Gardens	2,037.22			986.65	543.71	100.00		3,667.58
Bell Gardens. W. A.			10.00	10.00	67.00			87.00
Bellflower, Downey Ave.		30.00						30.00
Campbell	1,200.00	3.00	379.00	165.00	129.89	145.00	4.00	2,025.89
Ceres, Village Chapel	1,640.47	45.00	1,640.48	4,921.56	703.08	1,612.96		10,563.55
Chowchilla		15.00	76.20		128.00	• .		219.20
Clovis	2,351.49		200.00		256.70			2,808.19
Concord, First			437.96	367.23	55.00			860.19
Concord, Gethsemane	44.64	5.00			10.00	35.00		94.64
Concoran		24.00		99.00	508.07			631.07
Dorris	311.10							311.10
El Sobrante	5,555.22	75.00	1,803.00	2,930.78	6,031.21			16,395.21
Exeter		9.00	446.27	180.00	590.72	609.37		1,835.36
Farmersville		9.00	994.51	371.12	458.44			1,833.07
Fresno, Memorial	4,365.64	75.00	4,902.77	2,861.95	1,246.50		99.00	13,550.86
Goshen, Neighborhood			235.21		44.49	76.30	34.22	390.22
Greenfield		12.00		51.00	354.42	95.30		512.72
Hanford	1,696.87	27.00	435.00	275.00	642.00	149.00	23.00	3,247.87
Hughson	4 404 04	21.00	141.00	61.75		• .		223.75
Huntington Park	1,191.21	21.00	251.25	67.43				1,530.89

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Church	Coop	Voice	CCC	NFM	NHM	State	Other	Total
Kerman			243.10	501.84	50.00	57.00	53.00	904.94
Lamont	768.43							768.43
Lindsay	423.46							423.46
Lompoc	681.00			64.21	6.00	14.79		766.00
Modesto, First	1,493.54	27.00	141.00	162.27	578.92	102.68		2,506.41
Modesto, First, W. A.			·		60.00			60.00
Modesto, North	808.90	21.00	56.00	307.10	228.25	175.45		1,596.70
Mountain View		12.00	50.76	35.00	27.00		5.00	129.76
Norwalk		15.00	50.00	159.00	478.87	10.00	6.00	718.87
Newark		3.00	192.00	209.50	120.00	91.50		616.00
Olivehurst	260.45		35.00		35.00			330.45
Ontario, First	1,052.04	30.00	575.91	54.00	296.28	125.00	10.00	2,143.23
Ontario, Ruthites	•			120.00				120.00
Ontario, Princeton		33.00	164.83	332.51	199.04		80.74	810.12
Orange Cove	538.96		394.00	367.98				1,300.94
Oxnard	651.00	36.00	199.00	213.00	341.00		408.00	1,848.00
Parlier					42.75			42.75
Petaluma			1,468.50	1,471.50	330.25		10.00	3,280.25
Pleasant Hill			740.92	40.00	50.00	771.92		1,602.84
Porterville			430.05	790.54	208.05	54.50		1,483.14
Rodeo, Faith Chapel	123.46		61.88			185.33		370.67
Sacramento, Capitol			69.47	278.50	240.00	539.00		1,126.97
Salinas, First				55.00	10.00	52.11		117.11
San Jose	188.69		181.49	159.76				529.94
Santa Clara	377.66		100.00		1.00			478.66

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RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS (Cont'd.)

				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Missions			
Church	Coop	Voice	CCC	NFM	NHM	State	Other	Total
Santa Clara, W. A.			25.00	: :		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		25.00
Santa Paula	1,907.00		135.00	182.92	633.84	130.00	, ,	2,988.76
Selma, American	·	3.00			332.15			335.15
Selma, First		15.00	2,349.16	1,016.80	406.43		:	3,787.39
Shafter	196.54		764.34	87.58	174.45	131.46		1,354.37
Stockton, Elmwood			50.00		75.00	100.00		225.00
Stockton, Elmwood, W. A.				40.00				40.00
Taft	240.00	21.00		153.00	770.03			1,184.03
Tracy	351.11	15.00			142.50			508.61
Tulare	1,031.31	60.00	1,146.33	188.75	247.50	20.00		2,693.89
Turlock	2,747.40			100.00	94.78	50.00		2,992.18
Ventura		9.00			:			9.00
Visalia, Demaree	2,802.25	45.00	•		52.00			2,899.25
Visalia, First	_	21.00	334.64	264.94	32.00	24.81	523.98	1,201.37
Visalia, First, CTS	•		•	10.00				10.00
Winters			221.10		•			221.10
Eastside, Houston, TX						175.00		175.00
Highland Hills, Greeley, CO			50.00					50.00
Individual Gifts		64.00			50.00	220.00	•	334.00
State W.A. Convention		,	142.66			597.93		740.59
Association Dues							1,218.00	1,218.00
Convention Offering				53.00	53.00	-	-,	106.00
Sale of Ord/Ex Forms						·	7.03	7.03
Southern Association				153.92	90.00			243.92
TOTALS	39,441.53	879.00	23,400.08	24,888.13	20,631.33	6,629.41	2,652.63	118,522.11

Disbursements		Coop	Designated	Total
Calif. Christian College	40%	\$15,776.64	\$23,400.08	\$39,176.72
Nat'l. Exec. Department	25%	9,860.39		9,860.39
State Mission Board	20%	7,888.29	6,629.41	14,517.70
State Office	15%	5,916.21	2,104.03	8,020.24
Foreign Mission Departme	ent		24,888.13	24,888.13
National Home Mission Department			20,631.33	20,631.33
Free Will Baptist Bible Co	378.40	378.40		
Department of Retiremen			413.00	413.00
S.C. FWB Children's Hom			334.63	334.63
World Vision Internationa	1		189.35	189.35
Gene Grimes			32.46	32.46
Darwin Kelton			59.76	59.76
Doyle Terry	•		20.00	20.00
TOTAL	100%	\$39,441.53	\$79,080.58	\$118,522.11

FOREIGN MISSION DEPARTMENT

\$24,888.13

General Operation	1,187.95
New Missionary Account	341.61
Aldridge	955.11
Caton	577.54
Combs	22.84
Coscia	179.00
Crowson	266.25
Deeds	42.00
Eagleton	97.00
Filkins	5.00
Fulcher	673.47
Haas	110.03
Hanna	10.00
Hersey	1,466.02
McLain	110.00
Mayhew	6,324.25
Miley	49.00
Mosier	83.25
Palmer	703.60
Poole	315.28
A. Smith	16.00
Sparks	30.78
Teague	30.00
Webb	10,031.21
M. Willey	559.55
Africa Hospital	271.96
Brazil	10.00
Japan	51.00
Cassette Ministry	10.00
Deficit Accounts	358.43
TOTAL	$\overline{\$24,888.13}$

NATIONAL HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT	f r	\$20,631.33
General Operation	\$515.83	
Barron	6,931.53	
Bennett	40.00	
Cousineau	433.99	
Dunn	1,000.00	
Harris	1,782.06	
Johns	6,226.53	
Russell	15.00	
Thomas, Bobby Lee	2,156.90	
Thomas, Bob	1,288.49	
Thomas, Roy	4.00	
Vandivort	15.00	
Cajun Country	12.00	
Colorado	30.00	
Mexican Student	180.00	
TOTAL	\$20,631.33	
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CALIFORNIA STATE MISSION BOARD		\$14,517.70
General	\$836.93	
E. B. Condit	4,757.58	
L. Condit	440.37	
Tom Hunt	531.13	
Jim Isaak	63.40	
	$\frac{-6,629.40}{6}$	
20% of Cooperative	7,888.29	
TOTAL		
	<u>\$14,517.70</u>	
OTHER		\$2,652.63
Aggariation Dun-	A. a. a.	
Association Dues	\$1,218.00	
Free Will Baptist College	378.40	
Department of Retirement S. C. FWB Children's Home	413.00	,
World Vision International	334.63	•
Gene Grimes	189.35	
Darwin Kelton	32.46	
Dayle Terry	59.76	
Sale of Ordination Examination Forms	20.00	
TOTAL	7.03 \$2.652.63	
	\$2,652.63	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS TO		
CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE		\$42,676.72
40% Cooperative Receipts	\$15,776.64	
Designated Gifts	23,400.08	
	20, 200.00	

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1,500.00
\$42,676.72

STATE OFFICE SCHEDULE OF INCOME, EXPENSES AND BALANCE June 1, 1976—May 31, 1977

INCOME		
15% of Cooperative	\$5,916.21	
Voice Subscriptions	879.00	
Association Dues	•	
Northern	67.25	
Golden Gate	383.50	
Center	163.00	•
Southern	359.00	·
West Coast	245.25	
State Association Offering	106.00	·
Sale of Ordination Examination Forms	7.03	
TOTAL INCOME		8,126.24
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EXPENSES:		
Printing and Mailing Voice	2,014.58	
Bookkeeping	2,100.00	
Telephone	297.48	
Office Supplies and Postage	200.67	·
Typewriter Repair	90.41	
Anchor Ad	90.00	
Carl Young Mileage-1976	51.60	
Edward Johns—Phone and Mileage 1976	89.80	
Edward Johns-Moderator	50.00	. •
Jack L. Williams—Assistant Moderator	35.00	
June Rolen—Clerk	65.00	
Sandi Jones—Assistant Clerk	45.00	
Roy Thomas—Speaker	300.00	
National Home Mission Department—Offering	53.00	
Foreign Mission Department—Offering	53.00	
National Association-1976 Representation	125.00	
State Flag & Stand—National Association	89.46	
Minutes—1976 Association	643.23	
California Christian College—Gift 1976	2,000.00	
Wade T. Jernigan—Promotional Meeting	100.00	
Kenneth Sluder—Program Committee Mileage	36.00	
Jack L. Williams-Program Com. Mileage	27.60	
Programs and Digest of Reports-1977	142.43	
Booth—National Association 1977	177.50	
California Christian College—Advance	<u>1,500.00</u>	10.000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		10,376.76

Balance Forward, June 1, 1976	\$2,894.28
Income	8,126.24
	11,020.52
Less Expenses	10,376.76
BALANCE, May 31, 1977	\$643.76

STATE MISSIONS

Approaching the 34th annual session of the California State Association, your Missions Board has mixed emotions. God has been good to state missions in many ways. Financially, this has been probably the best year ever. For this, God is praised, realizing that this is only possible because of your contributions. Through this, your concern for State Missions is revealed. Progress has been seen in some areas, but on the the other hand, some sectors have witnessed decline or failure. Only one employee serves under the board full time at this juncture.

Work in Ventura was terminated as of June 1. God alone knows all of the complications involved there. Tom Hunt at Mountain View is the only "full time" worker supported by your Missions Board currently. This work has been very expensive, but in all probability, if the board had not assumed responsibility, the church with an assessed value of \$100,000 would have been lost to Free Will Baptists.

A joint effort with the Northern Association in the case of the Lincoln Church has been agreed upon. Lincoln at present is closed because there is no pastor to serve the work.

Winton Cressey closed the first of the year. Recently the property was assigned to the State Missions Board. Said property has been listed for sale. Monies from the sale will be used to help establish a church in Merced.

Cooperation from pastors and churches has been greatly appreciated. Your willing participation in the annual statewide missions conference in conjunction with the Foreign and National Departments is likewise appreciated.

Plans for the new year call for the strengthening of organized churches, and the establishment of new works.

Respectfully submitted, Doice McAlister

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CALIFORNIA STATE MISSION BOARD RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS April 1, 1976 to March 31, 1977

BEGINNING BALANCE 4-1-76 RECEIPTS:		\$6,360.19
Cooperative Allocation	\$7,662.69	
Designated Gifts:		
Telephone Reimbursement	25.00	
General Fund	2,616.53	
E. B. Condit	6,788.00	

Jim Isaak Tom Hunt Unidentified Deposit REPAYMENTS	63.40 462.13 129.15	
Loan Pay-Off	75.00	4 = 004 00
		17,821.90
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Salary:		
E. B. Condit	10,000.00	
Tom Hunt	9,293.58	
Rent:		
Gethsemane	450.00	
Travel Expense	1,659.69	
Telephone	930.70	
Office Supplies	44.00	
Auditing	35.00	
Check Printing	<u>7.79</u>	
CASH ON HAND 3-31-77		$\frac{22,420.76}{\$1,761.33}$
TIMED CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT	•	\$10,000.00
CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE (LOAN)		\$5,000.00

THE EIGHTH YEAR

An octave of years has passed, thus giving the present administration eight times to report to this august assembly. Each prior year a particular type of outlining has been followed, allowing for a broad scope of reporting. In trying to assess year '76-'77, no outline seemed to loan itself to the writing. Therefore, the report will simply be given in paragraph form, and even then to a small number of paragraphs. That's not to imply that many things could not be dealt with, but rather to express those things felt to be most significant.

Your Board of Trustees met four times—twice in regular sessions, once in an emergency meeting, and since coming to Bakersfield. The two regular meetings dealt primarily with receiving reports about enrollment, finances, and general things that normally acclaim the attention of the Board. An emergency meeting was called in order to deal with an acute financial situation. November's special drive for finances had pretty well caught up the black of late summer and early fall, but the start of the new semester found the financial situation at the college begging. At first, it was thought that a combining of all bills, loans, bonds, etc., into one loan would be the best answer. After careful study, an austerity program presented by the administration was approved and an agreement was reached to "tell the people." You were told. You responded. A financial disaster was averted. Your college was not embarrassed. From then until June 1, things broke even as is reported in the current Outlook. Between June 1 and now, there has been an accumulation of approximately \$2,000.00 in current expenses and payments. Everyone had hoped that

there would have still been a "break even" report for the State, but that is not the case.

However, everyone should be most thankful, because even in what was called the best years, there were times when CCC was behind as much as \$10,000. at the time of the State Association. With the acceptance of Double Month there is a possibility that the black can be caught up and the slump can be humped. During the time of the crisis, your college staff took a 15% cut in salary for one month, and a 10% cut for three months. That amounted to \$3,850.00 given by the staff to CCC. If during that same period every California Free Will Baptist had shared and fared equally, there would be a surplus in the treasury today. That is not a complaint, but rather an observation.

Plans to be implemented during the year (some immediately) call for a restructuring of the academic process since the loss of the Dean. The duties of the Dean's office will be carried out by the President, Dean of Student Affairs, and the Registrar during the coming year. Also, part time teachers have been employed to share in the teaching load. Each new part-time teacher employed has or is soon to receive a Master's Degree. The same high-quality education for which you college has been known will continue to be offered.

A serious self-study will be carried through this academic year. Various changes will be effected in the curriculum, thus making the program more enticing to the Free Will Baptist youth. Another accomplishment that should help students greatly is the financial aid program which makes possible grants and loans to students needing such. No longer should finance be used as an excuse for not attending CCC.

Enthusiasm has been stirred over the fact that new library facilities will be constructed soon. There is reason to believe that this project can be completed for less than \$3,000. Norwalk Church has already sent \$100.00 to the Library Fund. Bell Gardens, through its pastor, has said "Yes" to a \$100.00 gift. The Jernigan Clan is committed to \$100.00. It is hoped that this much needed finance will come totally on a volunteer basis without any drive.

Converting of the garage to a student recreation room is likewise felt to be essential. Probably a church would like to take this on for a project. Only the inside of the building will be changed presently. In time, the outside will be restructured to conform to the other buildings. With a heating and cooling unit installed, this particular project should not exceed \$500.00. Make this your individual project somebody (a church, auxiliary, young people's group, or individual).

Projects galore around on campus. Work days can be arranged. Consult with the administration, and work details can be assigned. Please make yourself available. You are needed.

Thanks for standing by through another year.

In Him, Wade T. Jernigan

June 9, 1977 California Christian College 4881 East University Avenue Fresno, California 93703

Attached are the following reports for your organization.

EXHIBIT A	-Balance Sheet as of March 31, 1977
SCHEDULE A-1	-Footnotes to the Balance Sheet
EXHIBIT B	-Statement of Income and Expense
	For Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 1977
SCHEDULE B-1	-Schedule of Expenses
	For Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 1977

The accompanying balance sheet of California Christian College as of March 31, 1977 and related statements of income and expense for the year then ended were not audited by me and accordingly, I do not express an opinion on them. A statement of changes in financial position has not been presented, as required by generally accepted accounting principles. Oran McNeil

Certified Public Accountant 444 North Fulton Street Fresno, California 93701

CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE BALANCE SHEET Exhibit A As of March 31, 1977 -Unadudited-

ASSETS

Petty Cash Cash in Bank-General 942.45
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Cash in Bank-Sinking Fund 673.91
Accounts Receivable-Students 4,853.31
Mortgage Impounds 330.23
Prepaid Interest 717.50
Inventory Book Store-At Cost 2,365.23
Total Current Assets \$9,982.63
Non-Current Assets
Land 47,420.99
Buildings 95,859.66
Dormitory-New Girls 65,263.46
Chapel Extension 32,409.96
Furniture-Dormitories 6,732.71
Furniture & Fixtures—Office 9,346.03
Library Books 22,278.54
Furniture & Fixtures-Library 332.48

Athletic Equipment Automotive Equipment Kitchen Equipment Yard & Maintenance Music Department Equipment Furniture & Fixtures-Classrooms Sub-Total Less: Accumulated Depreciation Total Non-Current Assets TOTAL ASSETS	$\begin{array}{r} 294.39 \\ 6,487.70 \\ 5,220.01 \\ 1,562.67 \\ 2,309.75 \\ \underline{1,389.57} \\ 296,907.92 \\ \underline{93,702.72} \end{array}$	\$203,205.20 \$213.187.83
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Payroll Taxes	\$707.40	
Notes & Contracts Payable (1)	19,148.04	
Mortgages Payable-Current (2)	4,716.60	
Total Current Liabilities		\$24,572.04
Non-Current Liabilities		
Notes & Contracts Payable (1)	1,052.37	
Mortgages Payable (2)	46,693.36	
Bonds Payable (3)	23,650.00	
Total Non-Current Liabilities		71,395.73
TOTAL LIABILITIES		95,967.77
Fund Balance (4)		117,220.06
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALAN	ICE	\$213.187.83

CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE FOOTNOTES TO THE BALANCE SHEET As of March 31, 1977 -Unaudited-

(1) NOTES & CONTRACTS PAYABLE	Current	Non-Current
(a) Contract Payable—Bank of America Payable @ 95.67 monthly.	\$1,148.04	\$1,052.37
(b) Note Payable—First National Bank	4,000.00	- 0-
Payable \$500.00 Monthly plus Interest @11%		
(c) Note Payable—Rev. Gordon Bradshaw		
Payable on Demand with 7% interest Payable Quarterly.	9,000.00	
(d) Note Payable—State Mission Board	,	
Payable on Demand—No Interest TOTAL	$\frac{5,000.00}{\$19,148.04}$	\$1,052.37
(a) MODEO ACEC DASZADI E		
(2) MORTGAGES PAYABLE (a) Note Payable—Secured by Trust Deed on 4864 E. Normal, Payable @\$94.20		-
monthly-6% interest.	\$1,106.40	\$12,189.07

(b) Note Payable—Secured by Trust Deed		
on 4863 E. Normal, Payable @\$96.00		
monthly-6% interest.	1,152.00	12,425.61
(c) Note Payable—Secured by Trust Deed		
on 4863 E. Floradora, Payable @204.85		
monthly-9.2% interest.	2,458.20	22,078.68
TOTAL	\$4,716.60	\$46,693.36

(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. \$23,650.00

(4) FUND BALANCE

EXPENSES

Schedule B-1 Attached

NET (Loss)

OND DALLANOL		•
Fund Balance-March 31, 1976	\$118,646.72	
DEDUCT: Net (Loss)		
Fiscal Year Ended March	1,814.75	
ADD: Contributions of Fixed Assets	388.09	
FUND BALANCE-March 31, 1977		\$117,220.06

CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
EXHIBIT B
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSES
Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 1977
-Unadudited-

INCOME		
Activity Charge	\$423.50	
Registration Fees	1,806.25	
Tuition	20,418.49	
Music Fees	244.87	
Cooperative Receipts	37,467.72	
Gifts—General	67,537.72	
Designated	233.89	
Graduation Fees	100.00	
Miscellaneous	746.50	
Rent	4,294.91	
Bookstore—Textbooks	2,026.15	
-Yearbook	20.00	
-Miscellaneous	1,025.90	
Dining Hall—Semester Board	8,623.60	
-Cash Meals	312.62	
—Vending Machines	<u>358.37</u>	
TOTAL INCOME	\$145,64	0.49
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147,455.24

\$1,814.75

CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Schedule B-1

SCHEDULE OF EXPENSES

Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 1977
-Unaudited-

GENERAL AND EDUCATIONAL		
Payroll-Administrative	\$13,990.92	
-Office	8,830.80	
-Other	2,070.03	
Office Expenses	3,547.14	
Payroll Taxes	3,980.54	
Telephone	3,239.78	
Promotion	3,828.89	
Travel	393.90	
Legal & Accounting	415.00	
Honorarium	825.00	
Miscellaneous	334.65	
Dues, Subscriptions & Licenses	526.35	
Depreciation	11,850.00	•
Bad Debts	918.31	
Auto Expenses	2,958.74	
Hospitalization Insurance	5,056.61	
Employee Retirement	458.67	
Graduation Expense	405.12	
Housing Allowance	2,390.00	
TOTAL GENERAL & EDUCATIONAL		\$66,020.45
DORMITORY		
Repairs and Maintenance	46 10	40.10
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BOOKSTORE		
Purchases	3,087.84	
Cost of Yearbook	107.50	
Miscellaneous	995.20	
Sales Taxes	193.30	
TOTAL BOOKSTORE		4,383.84
DINING HALL		
Food	5 579 05	
Salaries	5,572.85	
Supplies	4,912.01	
Vending Machines	241.13	
Special Occasions	657.98	
TOTAL DINING HALL	1,396.98	19 790 05
		12,780.95
INSTRUCTIONAL		
Payroll	\$30,688.83	
Music Department	227.11	
Practical Work	1,718.00	
Visual Aid and Film	44.96	
TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL		\$32,678.90
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OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE		
Payroll	\$2,831.00	
Utilities	8,382.19	
Insurance	1,154.42	
Building Repairs	711.98	
Equipment Repairs	534.00	
Janitorial Service & Supplies	823.91	
Property Taxes	2,955.44	
Interest	7,549.54	
Miscellaneous	90.27	
Supplies & Small Tools	292.93	
TOTAL OPERATIONS & MAINTE	NANCE	25,325.68
LIBRARY		
Payroll	6,018.01	
Supplies	77.30	•
Subscriptions	124.01	
TOTAL LIBRARY	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	6,219.32
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$147,455.24

STATISTICAL REPORT OF AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS

		Golder	n Norther	n San Joac	quin	West	
Association	Cente	r Gate	Californ	ia Valley	y Southern	n Coast	Total
Churches	11	17	10	9	17	15	79
Membership	683	958	277	523	1,261	872	4,574
Members Received	121	131	7 5	90	170		587
Members Lost	59	126	49	80	221		535
Ordained Ministers	26	22	15	10	29	24	126
Licensed Ministers	7	6	2	11	5	9	40
Deacons	29	37	23	30	20	10	149
Sunday Schools	11	17	9	9	17	15	78
Sunday School Enrollment	866	1,516	280	810		1,094	4,566
Average Attendance	702	1,288	249		1,569	867	4,675
CTS	5	5	1	3	11		25
CTS Enrollment	206	272	10	60		104	652
CTS Average Attendance	160	242				85	487
Woman's Auxiliaries	6	10			11	9	36
Auxiliary Enrollment	92	81		54		146	373
Master's Men	1	1		1			3
Master's Men Enrollment	8				15		23
Prayer Meetings	11	17	6	9	17	15	75
Parsonages	4	8	4	6	11	7	40
Value of Churches and Parsonages	\$855,300	\$1,425,460	\$278,300	\$939,500	\$1,472,330	\$1,717,500	\$6,688,390

STATISTICAL REPORT OF AFFILIATED ASSOCIATION

Association	O 4		Northern	•		West Coast	Total
Association	Center	Gate	California	Valley 	Southern		
Total Income	248,594		81,096	193,808	364,689		888,187
Expenditures for Local Causes	·		,	,	77,550		000,101
Pastor's Salaries	55,001	76,103	11,440	59,257	81,504	73,985	357,290
Evangelistic Work	·	12,722	•	7,393	,	. 0,000	21,194
Building and Repair	38,086	91,298	11,487	26,912	26,772	70,796	265,351
Miscellaneous	99,801	•	,	66,689	128,734	119,369	414,593
Total Local Expenditures	192,888	235,596	24,006	160,251	237,008	264,150	1,113,899
Expenditures for World Missions							
Cooperative Plan	7,879	6,275	347	6,701	5,762	8,071	35,035
Foreign Missions	6,535	13,253	420	7,344	7,770	3,881	39,203
Home Missions and Church Extension	8,681	16,306	994	8,542	5,306	2,400	42,229
Free Will Baptist Bible College	72	•		,		_,_,_	72
Other National Ministries	307				693		1,000
District or State Ministries	11,473	1,004	120		687		13,284
Other Causes	585	17,659	510	9,578	9,069	5,102	42,503
Total Outside Expenditures	35,533	54,497	2,391	32,165	29,287	19,454	173,327

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

NAME AND ADDRESS OF ORDAINED MINISTERS ATTENDING ASSOCIATION

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Blaine Bishop	292 Ely Blvd. So., Petaluma, CA 94952	707-763-5520
Newell Bonner	505 Pierce St., Taft, CA 93268	805-765-6435
Francis W. Boyle	569 W. Santa Barbara St., Santa Paula, CA 93060	805-525-9619
Nuel Brown	15401 West "E" St., Kerman, CA 93630	209-846-8228
Chester S. Burgess	P. O. Box 326, College City, CA 95931	916-476-2644
Ben Bush	807 Acacia St., Modesto, CA 95351	209-524-9613
Dave Chitwood	801 S. Arapahoe Dr., Santa Ana, CA 92704	714-541-3096
Adrian B. Condit	1816 Gail Ct., Ceres, CA 95307	209-537-6932
E. B. Condit	7947 Colton St., Ventura, CA 93003	805-647-3251
Derall Goodman	1017 E. Airport, Lompoc, CA 93436	805-736-6250
Wiley Gregory	500 W. Santa Marea No. 34, Santa Paula, CA 93060	805-525-7820
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Merel Guess	782 Orange, Arvin, CA 93203	805-854-5909
Stan Gullotto	317 Hidden Lake, Sunnyvale, CA 94086	408-734-0307
Vern Gunnels, Jr.	2630 "B" St., Selma, CA 93662	209-896-3144
Claudie Hames	930 Exchange, Bakersfield, CA 93307	805-325-6532
Tom Hampton	7235 Granger, Bell Gardens, CA 90201	213-928-1810
Sam Hensley	401 Curtis Ave., Shafter, CA 93263	805-746-2866
Richard Horner	3423 E. Dakota, Fresno, CA 93726	209-229-5565
Truman Huddleston	1908 Stanley Ave., Corcoran, CA 93212	209-992-4736
Tom Hunt	211 Church St., Mt. View, CA 93646	408-296-3614
Lyle E. Huntley	669 4th St., Orange Cove, CA 93646	209-626-4250
Jim Isaak	P. O. Box 598, Greenfield, CA 93927	408-674-2549
Ronn Jackson	232 Dawn Drive, Modesto, CA 95350	209-523-8572
Wade T. Jernigan	4863 E. Floradora, Fresno, CA 93727	209-251-9639
Edward F. Johns	3664 Gatty, San Diego, CA 92154	714-429-7862
Bill Johnson	546 W. Swift, Clovis, CA 93612	209-292-4587
Winston Lawless	9170 E. Sierra, Clovis, CA 93612	209-298-7191
Robert Leeds	106 Van Buren St., Taft, CA 93268	805-765-6428
Doice McAlister	2217 Geer Rd., Turlock, CA 95380	209-632-0404
J. L. McAlister	P. O. Box 155, Farmersville, CA 93223	209-747-0021
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Charles Marshall	1317 E. 7th, Ontario, CA 91764	714-982-6897
Gerald Myer	8875 S. Union, Bakersfield, CA 93307	805-831-3639
Ronald A. Palmer	8528 Flower St. No. B, Paramount, CA 90723	213-634-2988
Daniel W. Parker	4864 E. Normal, Fresno, CA 93703	209-252-2544
Robert Riddle	1140 Green Street, Salinas, CA 93901	408-758-0544
Charles P. Roam	106 S. 3rd St., Campbell, CA 95008	408-379-1682
Lonnie L. Rolen	2913 E. Northdale, Fresno, CA 93726	209-229-2203
Ken Sluder	823 E. Princeton, Ontario, CA 91764	714-986-6880
John B. Smith, Jr.	1400 North "M" St., Oxnard, CA 93030	805-486-0176
Cecil Spurlock	406 Acacia, Santa Paula, CA 93060	805-525-5001
Dale Vanderburg	1000 W. Davis, Hanford, CA 93230	209-584-6758
Jay Wilson	604 Prosser, Bakersfield, CA 93309	805-833-9063
Milburn Wilson	5570 Olinda Rd., El Sobrante, CA 94803	415-223-4417
Larkin Yandell	3011 N. Demaree Rd., Visalia, CA 93277	209-732-9945
Carl K. Young	288 Ely Blvd. So., Petaluma, CA 94952	707-763-1865
Ron Young	2205 Lake St., Bakersfield, CA 93306	805-325-3404
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MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-NINTH SESSION

OF

CALIFORNIA STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

CONVENTION

April 2, 1977
Memorial Free Will Baptist Church
Fresno, California

Theme: "From the Heart of a Woman"

The Twenty-Ninth Session of California State Woman's Auxiliary Convention met with the Memorial Free Will Baptist Church, Fresno, California, April 2, 1977 with President June Rolen presiding.

State officers met at 8:15 a.m. for an Executive Committee meeting and registration began at 9:00 a.m. with Vice-President, Joyce Horner in charge of registration.

"Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" was the opening hymn for the convention. Mary Moore, Richmond, directed the singing with Donna Van Horn, Memorial, pianist and Debe Taylor, Memorial, organist. Donna Smith, Oxnard, led in prayer. The congregation then sang "He Keeps Me Singing."

Devotional thoughts were given by the State officers:

"The Expanding Heart"
"The Expanding Heart"
"The Praying Heart"
"The Yeilded Heart"
"The Listening Heart"
"The Happy Heart"
"The Wounded Heart"

Joyce Horner, Vice-President Sandra Jones, Secretary Nora Hampton, Treasurer Betty Watson, Field Worker Reba Kirk, Member-at-large Phyllis Shipman, Member-at-large Gladys Bradshaw, Member-at-large

President June Rolen appointed the following committees:

REGISTRATION
Joyce Horner
Joyce Perreira
Judy Anderson
Mary Riley
Becky Pettyjohn

PLACEMENT
Gladys Bradshaw
Jackie Fisher
Virginia Bush
Ila Huddleston
Barbara Childers

CREDENTIALS
Sandra Jones
Marge Winters
Onema Erickson
Marguerite Busby
Eva Caven

APPRECIATION
Phyllis Shipman
Geneva Hatcher
Gayla Vanderburg
Barbara Myer
Lola Williams

FINANCE
Nora Hampton
Minnie Lacefield
Sue MacGill
Pearl Coughran
Barbara Otwell

RESOLUTION
Betty Watson
Cheryl Rogers
Brenda Gullotto
Juanita Wood
Donna Smith

The Nominating Committee was elected as follows:

Winnie McLain Bentrena Johnson Emma Puett Evelyn Smith Gertrude Cantrell

Combined statistical reports for Center, Golden Gate, Southern and West Coast Districts were read and accepted.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted.

The field worker's report was received as information. Southern and Center Districts each reported one new auxiliary.

Committee member Juanita Parker gave the report of the Student Loan Fund. The report was accepted.

Dates and places of District meetings for the coming year were given as information:

Center	October 1, 1977 March 4, 1978	Kerman Clovis
Golden Gate	June 4, 1977 October 1, 1977 February 4, 1978	Newark First, Modesto Richmond
Southern	July 23, 1977 October 8, 1977 January 14, 1978	South Union Visalia, First Exeter
West Coast	May 7, 1977 November 5, 1977 February 4, 1978	Baldwin Park Downey Avenue

Rose McKibben (age 83), Visalia, Barbara Childers, Bell Gardens, and Virginia Bush, First, Modesto gave reminiscences of the Women's Prayer Retreat, "Stop *That* Praying!" held October 14-16, 1976 at Emerald Cove Camp, Bass Lake, California.

A thank you card from President, June Rolen, for the money tree presented to her at the Prayer Retreat was read. Mrs. Cleo Pursell, Executive Secretary, WNAC, sent personal greetings to the convention.

Phyllis Shipman, Newark, dismissed in prayer for the hospitality hour. Coffee and doughnuts were served by the Memorial Auxiliary. Committees met at this time.

Following the fellowship time the convention reconvened and Mary Moore led in singing "Near to the Heart of God," followed with prayer by Leota Wilson, El Sobrante.

Delegates and alternates elected to the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention in Detroit, Michigan, July 17-21, 1977 were appointed as follows: Janis Williams, Donna Smith and Mary Moore. The President was given power to appoint others at the convention. Eula Mae Yocham was elected to serve as a member of WNAC nominating committee.

Betty Watson, Visalia First, was elected to serve on the Student Loan Committee.

The following report of the Registration Committee was read and accepted. Total registered—176, Center District—62, Golden Gate District—40, Southern District—43, West Coast District—15, and ministers and visitors—16.

The Credentials Committee report was read and accepted. Center, Golden Gate, Southern and West Coast Districts properly reported.

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

We Recommend:

- 1. That dues be \$1.50 per member (\$1.00 for WNAC and \$.50 for State).
- 2. That auxiliaries be encouraged to send \$2.00 per member on 1976-77 project: \$1.00 for new drapes for the WNAC Executive Secretary's office and \$1.00 for remodeling the reception area at California Christian College.
- 3. That \$1.00 per member be given as a special project to purchase a kitchen stove for California Christian College.

The following report of the Resolution Committee was read and accepted: Be it resolved that we continue to have the same type State Convention and luncheon.

The following report of the Placement Committee was read and accepted: The Thirtieth Session of the California State Woman's Auxiliary Convention will convene at the Sherwood Forest Free Will Baptist Church, 5570 Olinda Rd., El Sobrante, April 1, 1978.

The following report of the Appreciation Committee was read and accepted: We would like to thank all the State officers for today's program and for the planning that made this a successful convention.

We would especially like to thank June for all her efforts in planning the Prayer Retreats and State Conventions, and the Memorial Church for their hospitality at this convention.

The Nominating Committee report was read and accepted. Officers for 1977-79 were elected as follows:

President	entrena Johnson
546 W. Swift, Clovis, CA 93612 (209) 292-4587	
Vice-President	Joyce Horner
3423 E. Dakota, Fresno, CA 93726 (209) 229-5565	
Secretary	Sandra Jones
1279 N. Garden No. C, Fresno, CA 93727 (209) 251	-5481
Treasurer	. Nora Hampton
7231 Grander, Bell Gardens, CA 90201 (213) 928-30	
Field Worker	Phyllis Shipman
1254 San Moritz, San Jose, CA 95132 (408) 259-569	98
Member-at-large	Louise Riddle
1140 Green St., Salinas, CA 93901 (408) 758-0544	

Member-at-large Evelyn Smith
400 Campus, Arvin, CA 93203 (805) 854-2622
Member-at-largeLola Williams
8647 Cedar St., Sp. No. 5, Bellflower, CA (213) 630-5090
Prayer Retreat Director
2913 E. Northdale, Fresno, CA 93726 (209) 229-2203

Juanita Wood, Tulare, gave the charge to the new slate of officers and also led in the dedicatory prayer.

Immediately following the business session, Mary Moore led the

congregation in "Jesus Calls Us."

The pageant "Free to Follow Him," (an adaptation of that presented at the 1976 WNAC in Tulsa, Oklahoma) depicting the lives of Free Will Baptist women was presented by Bentrena Johnson and Connie Bomar of Clovis, and Verla Fletcher, Phyllis Fite, Debe Taylor, and Cheryl Rogers, Memorial.

Janice Rolen, Memorial, sang "Give Me Thy Heart."

Incoming President Bentrena Johnson dismissed in prayer.

The convention met at Cedar Lanes' Holiday Room in Fresno for

the noon meal. Approximately 146 attended.

Following the luncheon, convention guests were transported to California Christian College for guided tours through the buildings and around the campus. Nettie Jernigan, wife of CCC President, Dr. Wade T. Jernigan, served punch and cookies as guests toured the dining hall. Dr. Daniel Parker, Dean of Student Activities, talked to the women concerning students and the Basic Educational Opportunity Grants recently made available to CCC students. Benediction by Dr. Parker.

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 consititution 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 occuring 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 auxilities 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 selected by each affiliated district association one

member to serve on this board.

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 dimissal 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 in 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 enterpises, 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."