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2236 East California
Bakersfield, California
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Host Pastor — Claudie Hames

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PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY EVENING SERVICE

THEME: "God Give Us Men" Ezekiel 22:30

The Thirty-Sixth Annual Session of the California State Association of Free Will Baptist convened at Village Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, 1825 N. Central, Ceres, California, June 14-16, 1979. Convention hymn, "Let's Just Praise the Lord" was directed by Choir Director, Dovie Smith. Marion Smith served as pianist and Pam Runyon as organist. Rev. Ted Wilbanks led the congregation in worship in song.

The Associational meeting was called to order by acting clerk, Ken Eilts, who introduced the Moderator, Paul Kennedy. Opening remarks were prompted by the hymn, "Brethren We Have Met to Worship." The Moderator extended a challenge to pastors and layman alike as to prayer and the results of prayer.

Special music by the Village Chapel Choir singing "It's About Time for the Coming of Your King", followed by congregational singing "Amazing Grace" led by Ted Wilbanks. Message in song was rendered by J.R. Overman singing "Ship Ahoy".

The Rev. Cecil Spurlock, Santa Paula, brought the evening message from I Samuel 10:26, using the theme "God Give Us Saved Men".

The Committee on Committees was appointed as follows: Robert Riddle, Chairman, Merle Guess, Charles Marshall, Bob Thomas and Jay Constant.

Benediction was offered by Rev. Vern Gunnels, Jr., Pleasant Hill.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The morning session began with the congregation singing "Standing on the Promises". Devotional thoughts were shared by Sherman Wren, Olivehurst, using Jeremiah 6:16 as his text.

Adrian Condit, host pastor, welcomed ministers, delegates and visitors to the Thirty-Sixth Annual State Associational meeting.

Letters from the Northern, Golden Gate, San Joaquin, Center, Southern and West Coast District Associations were read, accepted and delegates seated.

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

Moderator Kennedy appointed a Steering Committee for the 1980 National Association Convention in Anaheim, California. Those appointed were John Smith, Oxnard; Cecil Spurlock, Santa Paula; Wilburn Clark, Princeton Ontario; Gary Johnson, Hawaiian Gardens; and Charles Marshall, First Ontario.

Wade T. Jernigan, State Executive Secretary, gave the report on the State Executive Office. Motion carried to accept the report. (see Departmental Reports)

Herman Hersey gave a report on the National Board of Retirement and Insurance. Motion carried to accept this report.

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

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

The service opened with congregational singing followed with prayer by Rev. Claudie Hames, First Church, Bakersfield. "Blessed Assurance" was led by Rev. Ted Wilbanks and followed by special music by Dr. Malcolm Fry.

Nuel Brown, Kerman, brought the morning message from Isaiah 6:8 using the theme "God Give Us Sent Men".

Benediction by Rev. Adrian Condit, Village Chapel, Ceres.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was opened with congregational singing led by Ted Wilbanks.

The Assistant Moderator read the procedures concerning courtesy, justice to all, one thing at a time, the minority to be heard and the majority to prevail.

Dr. Malcolm Fry, assistant Sunday School and CTS Director, gave a report concerning the Sunday School and Church Training Service Literature. Motion carried to accept the report as information.

Dr. Jack L. Williams, executive assistant and editor of Contact magazine, gave a report on the Master's Men and the Executive Office. Reports were received as information.

Report of the General Board was given by acting clerk, Ken Eilts. (see Reports)

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

Motion carried to select a nominating committee during the Saturday business session.

Motion carried to lay on the table until the next session a possible change in the constitution pertaining to the nominating committee.

Dr. Daniel W. Parker gave a report of the California Christian College. Motion carried to accept the report. (see Departmental Reports)

The 1979-80 proposed budget of California Christian College was presented and accepted.

Motion carried that the following recommendations from the California Christian College Board of Trustees be accepted.

That the Executive Officers of the College Board and the Administrative Officials of CCC be granted clearance to enter into a contractual agreement with the Sunday School and Church Training Department of the National Association of Free Will Baptists to distribute Sunday School and CTS curriculum materials in the western states.

1. That plans be made by the CCC Board of Trustees and College Administration during the 1979-80 school year to establish a Laboratory School on the campus.

2. That levels to be included in the first year begin at grade 2 and go no higher than grade 10.

3. That the school be initiated in August, 1980.

4. That the purpose of the school will be:

a. To teach youth academic subjects in a Christian context.

b. To train future teachers and administrators for Christian Day Schools.

The following requested their names be listed as in opposition to the above recommendation (1-4):

Dr. Wade T. Jernigan, Executive Secretary; Dave Molter, former faculty member of CCC; Cecil Spurlock, pastor Santa Paula Free Will Baptist Church.

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

Benediction by Rev. T.N. Huddleston.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

"Whosoever Will May Come" was sung by the congregation, led by Ted Wilbanks, to open the Friday evening service. Prayer by Dennis Pettyjohn, Selma First Church. Special music was presented by an associational mixed choir singing "He the Pearly Gates Will Open" and "O How He Loves You and Me". The congregation sang "The Comforter Has Come". Phil and Dovie Smith, Ceres, brought two specials, "God's Wonderful People" and "The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power". Ted Wilbanks finished the special music by singing "Grace So Amazing".

Rev. Larry Condit, Capitol Church, Sacramento, brought the message from Colossians 1:23, under the theme "God Give Us Serving Men".

Jesse Dunn was given time to report on the home mission work in Oregon.

A convention offering was received.

Two items concerning the business were handled. Milburn Wilson withdrew his motion concerning the length of time a board member could serve. The appointing of a nominating committee was determined not to be a constitutional change.

The State Association presented an award to June Rolen for 9½ years of dedicated service as State clerk-treasurer.

Benediction was by Tom Hunt, Mountain View.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The opening hymn was "O How I Love Jesus" led by Ted Wilbanks.

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

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

Report of the Temperance 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)

TEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

The service opened with congregational singing followed by prayer. Special music was provided by Brother Plum and Brian and Marion Smith.

Rev. Carl K. Young, Petaluma, brought the morning message. He used the topic "God Give Us Scriptural Men" with the text Acts 6:2.

Benediction by Dave Fox, Fairfield.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Business conducted following the ten o'clock service began with confirming State General Board members of the constituent associations.

Rev. Claudie Hames gave the National Home Missions report. Received as information.

Mrs. June Rolen gave the State Women's Auxiliary Convention report. Received as information.

Russ Stevens gave the report of the State CTS Convention and Youth Conference. Received as information.

Motion carried to accept the resignation of Rev. Robert Riddle from the California Christian College Board of Trustees.

Delegates appointed to the National Association were: Paul Cole, Delma Gunnels, Helen Hames, June Kennedy, and June Rolen. Alternates were Gilford Jones, Lonnie Gentry and Juanita Parker.

Report of the Nominating Committee was read and accepted. Officers were elected as follows:

Moderator	Paul Kennedy
Assistant Moderator	Tim Rolen
Clerk	Ken Sluder
Assistant Clerk	Ron Young

Five-year State Mission Board member elected was Edward "Butch" Johns.

The California Christian College Board of Trustees was elected as follows:

Ben Bush	5 years
John Young	5 years
Bobby Wilbanks	2 years
Nuel Brown	1 year
Ted Wilbanks	1 year

Motion carried to accept the Program Committee as nominated. (see Report of the Nominating Committee)

CTS Advisory Committee was elected as follows: Wilburn Clark, Tom Hunt and Carl K. Young.

Motion carried to accept the recommendation of the Placement Committee that the 1980 Session convene with the First Free Will Baptist Church, Bakersfield.

Benediction by the congregation singing "Amazing Grace".

GENERAL BOARD REPORT

The Board met on Thursday, June 14th, 1979 at 3:00 p.m. with Moderator Paul Kennedy, Ken Eilts, Lonnie Rolen, Claudie Hames, Doice McAlister, Carl K. Young, Robert Riddle, Jay Constant, Ronn Jackson, Tom Hunt and 28 visitors present.

Devotional thoughts were shared by Paul Kennedy from Romans 8:12-17, concerning our responsibilities and rights given to us by God.

Report of the State Executive Office was given by Wade T. Jernigan, with a recommendation that a Sunday School and CTS Board be elected by the body.

State Mission Board report was given by Doice McAlister, chairman. California Christian College report was given by Dr. Daniel Parker, president, with a proposed budget and a student financial aid report.

Motion was made and carried that a nominating committee be appointed by the Committee on Committees.

Benediction was given by Ronn Jackson.

REPORTS

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Robert Riddle, Chairman

Charles Marshall

Merle Guess

Jay Constant

Bob Thomas

RESOLUTION

Ron Young, Chairman

Vernon Jones

Wilburn Clark

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Mike Criswell

FINANCE

Milburn Wilson, Chairman

Carl Young

Lonnie Rolen

Ronn Jackson

Charles Marshall

PUBLICATION

Wade Jernigan, Chairman
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Vilnis Fremanis
Ted Wilbanks
Vern Gunnels

OBITUARY

John Hibbard, Chairman
Pauline Guess
June Kennedy
Fostine Burgess
Billie Constant

PLACEMENT

Ken Sluder, Chairman
Paul Cole
Adrian Condit
Tom Hunt
Merle Guess

TEMPERANCE

Verlin Ramsey, Chairman
Helen Hames
Harold Jackson
Riley Haskins
Evelyn Jones

NOMINATING

Doice McAlister, Chairman
Ben Bush
William Burgess
Claudie Hames
Cecil Spurlock

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

1. Be it resolved that we accept the recommendation from the Golden Gate Association. "Our Golden Gate Association when convened on May 19, 1979, adopted the project for the summer months, a plan to raise funds toward the purchase of a new van for California Christian College. Our plan is for each church in our association to give at least \$50.00 per month, per church over the three summer months. Whereas our young people (students) from the school regularly visit our sister churches over the state, and sometimes in other states, to represent and promote our Free Will Baptist school (CCC) and whereas the present van breaks down constantly, we recommend that a plan for purchasing a new van for California Christian College be adopted by this convention. This is our school and if we as Free Will Baptists of the western states do not support it, no one else will."
2. Be it resolved that a three man advisory committee be elected. The purpose of this committee to work with the State CTS Officers in the planning and promoting of the State CTS Rally. This committee to be elected each year at the State Association. These men to be elected from churches with an active CTS program, with the Executive Secretary as an exofficiary member of this committee.
3. Be it resolved that we give the host church a standing vote of thanks.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. We recommend that each church of our state association send a regular offering to support the printing and mailing of the Voice.
2. We recommend that each local church give \$.75 plus \$.35 per member to finance the 1980 National Association in Anaheim, California.
3. We recommend the following honorarium be paid to the state officers:
 Moderator — \$65; Clerk — \$65; Assistant Moderator — \$45; Assistant Clerk — \$35.
4. We recommend that the State budget for this associational year be: (allocated to co-op)

National Coop	20%
CCC	35%
State Mission Board	15%
State Office	30%
5. We recommend that the 20% National Coop allocation be distributed as follows:

Executive Office	30%
Foreign Missions	21.5%
Home Missions	21.5%
Free Will Baptist Bible College	15.5%
Retirement & Insurance	8%
Master's Men	3%
Comm. on Theological Liberalism	5%

Note: This is the recommendation of the National Association of the State of California.

PUBLICATION COMMITTEE

1. Whereas the Voice is an effective organ of communication for Free Will Baptist in California, we recommend that every church take full advantage of its pages for reporting news and items of interest, and that each church adopt some plan for the financial support for the Voice.
2. We recommend that 650 copies of the 1979 minutes be printed.
3. Whereas Contact is the official magazine of our churches, we strongly recommend that each church encourage its members to subscribe to Contact.
4. We recommend that each church be encouraged to send copies of church bulletins and newsletters to the State Office for use in compiling the Voice.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We report that God in His infinite wisdom has called fifteen of our brothers and sisters from our midst. The names of the deceased are as follows:

Center — Eva Guinn, Calwa; Joy Freeman, Kerman; Elza Hall, Kerman; R.C. Morgan, Kerman; Lola Oaks, Kerman; Lola Henry, Memorial; Florence Johns, Parlier; Braxton Jones, Sanger.

Golden Gate — Harold Brown, Santa Clara; Birdie Johns, Salinas; Leonard Doyle, Salinas.

Northern — William E. Wren, Bethlehem; Melvin Ritchie, Olivehurst.

San Joaquin — Jay Hamilton, Valley View Acres; Margaret Plum, Ceres; Jeanie Murphy; Jim Brown, Chowchilla; Bill Wood, Chowchilla.

Southern — Jess Minyard, Arvin.

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

We, as the placement committee, recommend that the 1980 State meeting convene with the Bakersfield First Free Will Baptist Church.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We recommend the adoption of the 1978 report on pages 16 & 17 of the minutes of the Thirty-Fifth Annual Session of the California State Association of Free Will Baptists.

We recommend the adoption of the 1978 report which is as follows:

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; . . . "

We further recommend that pastors, church officers, Sunday school officers and teachers emphasize the above items of this report to all our church people.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS

<i>Association</i>	<i>Center</i>	<i>Golden Gate</i>	<i>Northern California</i>	<i>San Joaquin Valley</i>	<i>Southern</i>	<i>West Coast</i>	<i>Total</i>
Churches	10	17	8	11	16	18	80
Membership	621	857	206	724	1,398	846	4,652
Members Gained	55	170	45	144	181	143	738
Members Lost	82	48	13	72	72	109	396
Ordained Ministers	22	26	12	21	29	21	131
Licensed Ministers	9	6	3	10	7	8	43
Deacons	29	85	16	24	41		195
Sunday School Enrollment .	737	1,481	272	1,005	1,661	1,274	6,430
Average Attendance	530		239	798	1,524	945	4,036
Woman's Auxiliary Enrollment	88	104		74	129	115	510
Master's Men Enrollment . .	23	33			12	25	93
Prayer Meetings	10	17	7	11	15	16	76
Parsonages	4	10	2		13	6	35
Value of Churches and Parsonages . . .	1,273,000	2,931,120	245,000	1,733,000	2,081,108	2,444,000	10,707,228

SATISTICAL REPORT OF AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS

<i>Association</i>	<i>Center</i>	<i>Golden Gate</i>	<i>Northern California</i>	<i>San Joaquin Valley</i>	<i>Southern</i>	<i>West Coast</i>	<i>Total</i>
-Total Income	297,722	298,760	49,990	233,002	396,849	439,500	1,715,823
-Total Local Expenditures	216,747	298,760	37,667	208,839	389,901	294,429	1,446,343
Outside Giving							
-Cooperative Plan . .	9,175	7,508	2,812	7,271	7,740	12,442	46,948
National Executive Office				100			100
- Foreign Missions . . .	7,398	24,252	140	12,445	8,308	3,958	56,501
- Home Missions and Church Extension .	2,970	4,292	537	3,318	7,741	1,834	20,692
- Retirement and Insurance Board . .				1,020	2,150		3,170
Other National Ministries		3,237	400	376	8,180		12,193
- District or State Ministries	5,767	350	378	6,107	5,608		18,210
Other Causes	37,928	10,877	1,077	5,539	8,788	3,124	67,333
-Total Outside Giving . .	63,238	50,516	5,344	36,176	48,515	21,358	225,147

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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Ben Bush	807 Acacia, Modesto, CA 95351	209-524-9613
Wilburn Clark	823 E. Princeton, Ontario, CA 91764	714-983-5315
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MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-FIRST SESSION
OF
CALIFORNIA STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

April 6-7, 1979

South Union Free Will Baptist Church

Bakersfield, California

THEME: "Do You Care" Matthew 25:44, 45

FRIDAY EVENING

The Thirty-First Session of the California State Woman's Auxiliary Convention met with the South Union Free Will Baptist Church, Bakersfield, California, April 6-7, 1979, with President June Rolen presiding.

A buffet supper was provided for convention guests by the South Union Auxiliary. Immediately following the supper, convention guests registered with Vice-President Mary Alice Bridgman in charge of registration.

The Convention was called to order by President Rolen. "I Want To Be a Worker" was the opening hymn. Mary Moore, Richmond, directed the singing with Donna Smith, Oxnard, pianist. Nettie Lou Jernigan, Memorial-Fresno, led in prayer.

"Do You Care?" workshops were taught by the following women:

"Do you care to Lead?"	June Rolen
"Do you care to Enlist?"	Mary Alice Bridgman
"Do you care to Record?"	Sandi Jones
"Do you care to Account?"	Nora Hampton
"Do you care to Pray?"	Donna Arellano
"Do you care to Study?"	Phyllis Shipman
"Do you care to Give to Missions?"	Evelyn Smith
"Do you care to Present a Program?"	Melba Hibbard

Convention guests shared highlights from the workshops at the close of the evening session.

President Rolen read some evaluations from the State Women's Retreat held last October at Emerald Cove Camp, Bass Lake, California.

Dismissed in prayer by Alyce Royster, Harmony-Fresno.

SATURDAY MORNING

The Saturday morning session was opened with singing "To God Be the Glory" and "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder". Winnie Yandell, Demaree-Visalia, led in prayer. President Rolen gave the welcome and read letters from Cleo Pursell, WNAC Executive Secretary, and Roy Thomas, National Home Missions General Director.

Kaye Wilbanks, Harmony-Fresno, sang "Dost Thou Not Care?". Devotional thoughts were given by Delilah Scott, Tulare.

The Executive Committee Minutes were read and accepted.

The following committees were appointed by President June Rolen:

REGISTRATION

Mary Alice Bridgman
Alyce Royster
Barbara McAlister
Kathy McClelland
Amy Saffel

CREDENTIALS

Phyllis Fite
Debbie Busby
Mary Moore
Sue Hoppie
Ellem Ashoori

FINANCE

Nora Hampton
Minnie Lacefield
Carol Bechere
Doris Wilson
Jeri Spurlock

RESOLUTION

Cheryl Rogers
Barbara Blankenship
Ruth Walker
Betty Watson
Verla Fletcher

PLACEMENT

Adele Ice
Fostine Burgess
Neona Purser
Mildred Eagle
Donna Smith

APPRECIATION

Bobbie Hull
Debbie Fox
Helen Albright
Delilah Scott
Vickie Fisher

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

The Treasurers report was read and accepted.

The Field Worker's report was read and accepted.

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

The report of the Sixth Annual Women's Retreat, "Lord if. . ." held October 12-14, 1978, at Emerald Cove Camp. Bass Lake, California, was received as information.

Dates and places of District Meetings for the coming year were given as follows:

Center	-	10/06/79	-	Kerman
		3/01/80	-	Clovis
Golden Gate	-	6/02/79	-	Turlock
		10/06/79	-	Sherwood Forest
		2/02/80	-	Richmond
Southern	-	7/14/79	-	Demaree
		10/13/79	-	Visalia First
		1/12/80	-	Arvin
West Coast	-	5/05/79	-	Santa Paula
		11/03/79	-	Oxnard
		2/02/80	-	Ontario First

Memorials were given to the National Woman's Auxiliary Convention in memory of Virginia Bush, Cynthia Cooley, and Betty Gregory.

Geneva Hatcher, Kerman, and Louise Riddle, Baldwin Park, were elected to serve as five-year member and four-year member, respectively, on the Student Loan Committee.

The following report of the Registration Committee was received as information; Total registered — 132. Center — 26, Golden Gate — 26, Southern — 44, West Coast — 20, Ministers — 3, and Visitors — 13.

Kaye Wilbanks, Phyllis Shipman, Donna Smith, Fostine Burgess, Jackie Huntley, Debbie Fox, Vivian Mullins, Juanita Parker, Barbara Myer, Nettie Lou Jernigan, Delilah Scott, Elsie Kemp, and Mary Alice Bridgman. President Rolan was given power to appoint others at the Convention. As noted in last year's session, Mary Alice Bridgman is to serve on the WNAC Nominating Committee, with Phyllis Shipman the alternate.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Dean Moore, Richmond.

Coffee and donuts were served by the host auxiliary during the morning break.

The convention reconvened with singing "Ready" and "Saved By the Blood", led by Mary Moore, Richmond and accompanied by Deanna Wilbanks, Harmony-Fresno. Prayer by L.A. Yandell, Demaree-Visalia. A convention offering of \$180.39 was received.

Sue Ann Heinesley, Bell Gardens, sang "Reach Out and Touch" accompanied by Melba Hibbard, Bell Gardens.

LaVerda Mooneyham, Monrovia, California, was the speaker. She gave the World Vision International multi-media presentation entitled "Freedom's Children." The film dealt with the plight of the Vietnamese boat refugees. La Verda is the wife of Dr. W. Stanley Mooneyham, President, World Vision International.

Delegates to the Forty-Fourth Annual Session of the Woman's National Convention, July 16-17, 1979 in Charlotte, North Carolina, were appointed as follows:

The Credentials Committee report was read and accepted: Center, Golden Gate, Southern and West Coast Districts were 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 each local auxiliary (which has not yet responded) send \$100 in the next year to help defray the expenses of the 1980 Woman's National Auxiliary Convention. The money should be sent directly to the State Treasurer, who will deposit said monies in a special savings account.
3. That California State Woman's Auxiliary Convention give \$25 to the Ugandan Project initiated by the WNAC.
4. That each local auxiliary give \$4 per capita member to the CCC Stove Project.

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

1. That each local auxiliary be willing to cooperate with the State Auxiliary Officers in the development and promotion of the 1980 Woman's National Auxiliary Convention.
2. That each local auxiliary continue their support of the Student Loan Fund.
3. That each local auxiliary consistently support the Co-Laborer Fund.

The following report of the Placement Committee was read and accepted: The Thirty-Second Session of the California State Woman's Auxiliary Convention will convene at the First Free Will Baptist Church, 1027 Tulare Avenue, Visalia, on Saturday, March 29, 1980.

The following report of the Appreciation Committee was read and accepted: We wish to express our appreciation to the South Union Church for hosting this 1979 Session of the California State Woman's Auxiliary Convention, for the buffet supper, for the floral arrangements, and for all the work in preparation for this meeting; we appreciate all who made such a special effort to attend; Mrs. La Verda Mooneyham for taking time in her busy schedule to be the speaker at the Convention, and all officers who participated in the program or who taught workshops.

The following report of the Nominating Committee (elected at the 1978 Session) was read. Officers for 1979-1981 were elected as follows:

President	June Rolen
Vice President	Betty Watson
Secretary	Sandra Jones
Treasurer	Nora Hampton
Field Worker	Phyllis Shipman
Member-at-large	Emma Puett
Member-at-large	Barbara Myer
Member-at-large	Melba Hibbard

A vote of appreciation was given to outgoing officers. Newly-elected officers were presented to the Convention and Ruth Walker, First Modesto, offered the dedicatory prayer.

The dates for the Seventh Annual Women's Retreat will be October 11-13, 1979.

Benediction by Rev. Gerald Myer, South Union.

The Convention met at Bakersfield Inn for a noon luncheon. Prayer by June Rolen. The CCC Ensemble provided special music for the lunchtime activities, singing "Sing to the Lord A New Song," "I Will Serve Thee," and "I Will Praise the Lord." Several luncheon guests were presented with Christian literature on the theme "Do You Care?"

June Rolen, President
Sandra Jones, Secretary

CALIFORNIA STATE YOUTH CONFERENCE

APRIL 20-21, 1979

THEME: "Koinonia - A Way of Life"

I John 1:3-7

The 1979 session of the California State Youth Conference convened with the Memorial Free Will Baptist Church, 4141 N. Millbrook, Fresno, on April 20-21, 1979. The session was opened with the congregation singing "Praise Him, Praise Him" led by Russ Stephens and accompanied by Sandy Taylor. Prayer was by Rev. Carl Young, Petaluma.

Vice President Phil Taylor called the 1979 session to order and introduced President Tim Rolen. President Rolen gave his presidential remarks.

Motion carried to enter business. The letters were read and accepted.

Competitive Activities were directed by Vilnis Freimanis. Those participating were as follows:

Bible Memorization—Vicki Hunt, First Grade, Mt. View

Sword Drill—Tommy Hunt, Mt. View and Richard Chastain, Oxnard

Tic-Tac-Toe—Petaluma

Bible Bowl—Petaluma

Music and Arts—Russ Hamrick, Ambassador, solo, Memorial

Committees were appointed as follows:

RESOLUTION AND PLACEMENT

Tom Bush, Chairman, Center

Mike Criswell, Golden Gate

Tim Smith, West Coast

FINANCE

Leah Ann Smith, Chairman, West Coast

Jeanette Holder, Golden Gate

Bill Freimanis, West Coast

NOMINATING

Vilnis Freimanis, Chairman, West Coast

Russ Hamrick, Center

Darlene Kilgore, Golden Gate

The evening worship service was opened with prayer by Clinton Wood, Memorial. Congregational singing was led by Phil Wood, singing "They Will Know We Are Christians," accompanied by Sandy Taylor, Memorial. Bringing the message in song was the Believer Quartet, Fresno. An offering was received and prayer was offered by Tim Rolen. President Rolen brought a devotional using I John 1:3-7, speaking on the light of God.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Service opened by the Eternal Song from California Christian College directed by Donna Van Horn. Tim Rolen welcomed everyone to the conference and introduced Dennis Pettyjohn, Selma, who brought the devotional from Philippians 1:4,5.

The 1979 session was opened in song led by Phil Wood, singing "Victory in Jesus" accompanied by Donna Van Horn, Memorial. The congregation was led in prayer by Dennis Teague. Business was called to order by President Tim Rolen. Minutes were read and accepted as read. Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Dr. Daniel Parker, President of California Christian College, updated those present on the improvements being made at the school. The congregation was also informed about the Summer school session.

BUSINESS SESSION

Committee reports were given as follows:

RESOLUTION & PLACEMENT

1. We recommend that a standing vote of thanks be given to the host church.
2. We recommend that the 1980 Youth Conference be held at California Christian College.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. We recommend that the Believer Quartet be given \$100.00 for their time and ministry at the conference.
2. We recommend that Tom Hampton be given \$100.00 for bringing the morning message.
3. We recommend that Dennis Pettyjohn be given \$25.00 for bringing a devotional.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

President — Russ Stephens
Vice President — Phil Taylor
Recording Secretary — Cindy Moore
Treasurer — Leah Ann Smith
Song Leader — Dave Bridgmen
Pianist — Donna Van Horn
Competitive Activities — Tom Bush

Motion made and carried to take each office separately. Officers were elected as follows:

President — Russ Stephens
Vice President — Phil Taylor
Recording Secretary — Judy Millard
Corresponding Secretary — Sandy Phillips
Treasurer — Leah Ann Smith
Song Leader — Dave Bridgman
Pianist — Phyllis Dunn
Competitive Activities — Tom Bush

Dismissed in prayer by John Yandell.

SATURDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Panel discussion entitled "Dead or Alive" opened the morning services. Panel members were: Carl Young, Petaluma; Jerry Fite, Memorial; John Smith, Oxnard; June Rolen, Memorial; Elsie Kemp, Kerman.

Special music was rendered by Russ Stephens. Dismissed for the fellowship break in prayer by Dave Bridgman.

Called to worship by Tim Rolen reading the theme scripture. Dave Bridgman led the congregation in singing "They Will Know We Are Christians" and "I Just Keep Trusting My Lord." We were led in prayer by Bill Freimanis. Special music was brought by the External Song. Rev. Tom Hampton, Bell Gardens, brought the message using as his text Ephesians 4:4-6.

BUSINESS SESSION

The final business session was called to order by President Tim Rolen. Motion made and carried that the officers meet with the administration of California Christian College to see if it would be possible for Hospitality Days and the State Youth Conference to convene jointly.

Vilnis Freimanis presented the awards as follows:

Bible Memorization—Vicki Hunt, Mt. View

Sword Drill—Richard Chastain, Oxnard, First Place

Tommy Hunt, Mt. View, Second Place

Tic-Tac-Toe—Petaluma

Bible Bowl—Petaluma

Music and Arts—Russ Hamrick, Memorial

Motion made and carried to dismiss. Dismissed in prayer by Bruce Wood, Harmony.

Kathy McClelland, Acting Secretary

Tim McLain Rolen, President

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

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. This provision also applies to the three out-of-state members of California Christian College Board of Trustees.

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 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 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 twelve members, nine members from California and one member from Arizona, one member from Idaho and one member from the Northwest Association. All of these are to be elected by popular vote of their respective bodies. Their terms of office shall be so arranged that California members rotate on a five year basis with two members elected each year for four years and one member elected the fifth year. In the event a member moves from the state, his membership shall terminate and the remaining members shall select his successor until this body meets in session and fills the vacancy. 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."