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OF THE
CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

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Bakersfield, California 93307
June 12, 13, 14, 1980**

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of the
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of
Free Will Baptists**

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California Christian College
4881 E. University Avenue
Fresno, California 93703
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Host Pastor: John B. Smith Jr.

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PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY EVENING SERVICE

THEME: "New Testament Growth Principles - Acts 1:9"

The Thirty-Seventh Annual Session of the California State Association of Free Will Baptist convened at the Bakersfield Free Will Baptist Church, 2236 East California Ave., Bakersfield, California June 12-14, 1980. Convention hymn, "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes" was directed by Allen Kennedy, the convention Music Director. Margie Kennedy accompanied at the piano with Francis Benson at the Organ.

The Associational meeting was called to order by State Clerk Ken Sluder, who introduced the Moderator Bro. Paul Kennedy. The Moderator gave the Moderator's Remarks using the thought "We Are Family", taking his text from I John 1:1-9. A stirring challenge was given to each pastor and layman alike to work for and with the Family of God.

Special Music was presented by the Teen Choir of the Bakersfield Church "The Conquerers" singing "The Statue of Liberty" and "It only takes a Spark" led by Music Director Allen Kennedy.

The Rev. Claudie Hames Pastor of the Bakersfield Free Will Baptist Church brought an outstanding message from Ephesians 4:11-15 on, "New Testament Principles of Edification" (The Word).

The Committee on Committees was appointed by the Moderator as follows: Butch Johns, Chairman; Vern Gunnels, Robert Leeds, Dennis Pettyjohn, and Rex Shipman.

Benediction was offered by Rev. Merel Guess, Arvin F.W.B.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The Morning Session began with the congregational singing led by Bro. Allen Kennedy singing the convention hymn "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes." Devotional thoughts were brought by Bro. Ken Friesen, a layman from the Garden Grove Church using Acts 8:1-13 as his text.

Rev. Claudie Hames, Host Pastor, welcomed ministers, delegates and visitors to the Thirty-Seventh Annual State Associational Meeting.

The Moderator called for the reading of the letters from each of the Associations. Letters from West Coast, Southern, Center, San Joaquin Golden Gate and Northern were read by the clerk Ken Sluder. A motion and second was made to accept the letters as read with the delegates being seated.

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

The Executive Secretary Dr. Wade T. Jernigan gave the report on the State Executive Office. Dr. Jernigan gave as a point of information that he will not be available as the Executive Secretary for the next two years. A Motion and second was made to accept the Report. (see Departmental Reports)

A motion and second was made to have nominations opened for the office of Executive Secretary and use the General Board as a Screening committee to talk to and examine the candidates.

The following were nominated for the position: Paul Kennedy, Adrian Condit, Nuel Brown. It was decided that the General Board would meet with these candidates during the lunch break and bring back a report to the afternoon session. A motion and second was made to adjourn from our business until the afternoon session. The benediction and blessing on the refreshments was given by Bro. Dennis Teague of the Sherwood Forest Church in El Sobrante.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

The services opened with congregational singing led by Bro. Allen Kennedy accompanied at the piano by Margie Kennedy and at the organ Francis Benson. Prayer was led by Rev. Wilburn Clark, Princeton Church in Ontario. The Special Singing was rendered by a Duet of Father and Son the Logans from the West Coast Association. The Morning Message was given by Dr. Melvin Worthington National Executive Secretary using John 4:20-24 "New Testament Principles of Establishment" (Worship) as his text and thought for the message. The Prayer of Benediction was prayed by Bro. Marty Hamrick a layman from the Clovis Church. We were dismissed for lunch and until the 1:30 Business Session.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was opened with singing led by Bro. Allen Kennedy the Convention Music Director singing "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes" and "To God Be The Glory".

A special time of prayer was spent concerning special needs that were made known to the congregation.

The Moderator Bro. Paul Kennedy gave a report on the special General Board Meeting. (see Reports) The Board has requested that more time be given to examine and question the candidates for the Office of Executive Secretary. A motion and second was made that a postponement of the vote on the Executive Secretary be made until more time is given for examination of the candidates.

A motion and second was made to have the location of the State Office be on a floating basis to meet with the needs and location of the elected Executive Secretary.

A report was given by Bro. Rolla Smith the Director of the National Foreign Missions Department as to the work and progress of that department. This was accepted as information.

A report was given by Dr. Melvin Worthington the Executive Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. His report consisted of reports on the National Office, Laymen's Board and Master's Men. He also gave a report on the Department of Retirement and Insurance. All this was accepted as information by the body.

A Report of the General Board was given by the clerk Ken Sluder. (see Reports) A motion and second was made to accept the report as read and vote on them item by item.

1. Accept the General Board Report as read.

2. To Accept the Resolutions presented by the General Board and accept them for consideration.

A motion and second was made to table the motion until tomorrow.

A report was given by Rev. John Smith Jr. New Elected President of California Christian College. (see Reports) A motion and second was made to accept the report as read.

A motion and second was made requesting the C.C.C. Board of trustees give a report to the body concerning their activities for the past year. It was agreed that a report would be brought and read to the body during the Saturday business session.

A report from the California State Mission Board was given by Bro. Doice McAlister Chairman of the Board. (see Departmental Reports) A motion and second was made to accept the report as read.

A report was given by Bro. Claudie Hames board member of the National Home Mission and Church Extension Board. This report was information of the work of Home Missions. This report was accepted as information.

A motion and second was made to adjourn until the Saturday Morning Business Session. Prayer of Benediction by Bro. Lyle Huntley Clovis.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES

The Friday Evening Services were opened with singing led by Bro. Allen Kennedy Convention Music Director accompanied at the piano by Margie Kennedy and organ Francis Benson. The Special Singing was provided by the Host Church Choir and a Solo by Allen Kennedy. The Evening Message as brought by Rev. Richard Kennedy using Acts 1:8, 5:40-42 as his text and preaching on the thought of "New Testament Principles of Evangelism" (Witnessing). Bro. Kennedy is the Pastor of the Northside Free Will Baptist Church of Stockton, a mission work under the direction of the State and National Home Mission Boards. The prayer of Benediction was given by Rev. Rex Shipman of Newark dismissing us until the 9:00 A.M. Saturday Business Session.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The Saturday morning business session was opened with song services led by Bro. Allen Kennedy.

Rev. Rex Shipman Pastor of the Newark Church brought a devotion using I John 2:15-18 and Amos 8:11-12.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Five Delegates were elected by majority vote to the body to be delegates to the National Association at Anaheim, California in July, they were: John Metcalf, Charles Van Horn, Joe Cluck, John Smith Sr. and Ed Hyatt.

A motion and second was made to take off the table the report of the special committee concerning the elected boards of the state. (see General Board Report)

A report was given concerning the State Women's Auxiliary Meeting by the President Sis. June Rolen. This was accepted as information.

A report was given concerning the State C.T.S. Rally by the President Russ Stephens. This was accepted as information.

A report was given by the clerk concerning the December General Board meeting. The minutes were read. (see General Board Report)

A report was given concerning the minutes of the College Board of Trustees Meetings this past year. The report was given by Bro. Vernon Jones Chairman of the Board. (see Reports)

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

The services were opened by singing the convention hymn "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes", followed by prayer. Special singing was provided by Barbara Wilson of the Bakersfield Church, John and Kay Metcalf of the Oxnard Church, and Donna Van Horn from Fresno.

Rev. Sam Hensley Pastor of the Shafter Church brought the message using Acts 20:17-26 as his text and preaching on the thought of "New Testament Principles of Evolvment" (Work). The Prayer of Benediction from the Worship Service was given by Bro. Vern Gunnels of Pleasant Hill.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

A report was read from the General Board recommending Bro. Paul Kennedy as the State Executive Secretary. (see Reports) A motion and second was made to accept the report and elect Bro. Paul Kennedy as the New Executive Secretary for the next two years.

The Report of the Nominating Committee was read and accepted. A motion was made that we vote on them item by item.

State Officers

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| Moderator | Butch Johns |
| Assistant Moderator | Richard Kennedy |
| Clerk | Ron Young |
| Assistant Clerk. | Wilburn Clark |

Mission Board

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| Adrian Condit (At Large) | 3 Year Man |
| Doice McAlister (San Joaquin) | 3 Year Man |
| Milburn Wilson (Golden Gate) | 3 Year Man |
| Nuel Brown (Center) | 2 Year Man |
| Cecil Spurlock (West Coast) | 2 Year Man |
| Sherman Wren (Northern) | 1 Year Man |
| Sam Hensley (Southern) | 1 Year Man |

A motion and second was made that the men from the same association be rotated one year behind so they don't come up for election on their respective boards at the same time.

C.C.C. Board of Trustees

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| John Young (At Large) | 3 Year Man |
| Stuart Oller (San Joaquin) | 3 Year Man |
| Ken Sluder (West Coast) | 3 Year Man |
| Carl Young (At Large) | 2 Year Man |
| J.L. McAlister (Southern) | 2 Year Man |
| Jay Constant (Northern) | 2 Year Man |
| Bill Hershman (At Large) | 1 Year Man |
| Vernon Jones (Golden Gate) | 1 Year Man |
| Bob Wilbanks (Center) | 1 Year Man |

A motion was made and accepted to accept the program committee as suggested by the nominating committee. (see Reports)

A motion was made and seconded to put Bro. Robert Riddle on the General Board as representative from the West Coast and Bro. John Stutz from the Northern Association.

A motion was made and seconded that we adjourn until next session June 18-20, 1981 at the New Auditorium at C.C.C.

GENERAL BOARD MINUTES - Dec. 3, 1979

The Board met on Monday, December 3, 1979, at 3:00 P.M. with Board Members: Paul Kennedy, Ken Sluder, Dennis Teague, Claudie Hames, Robert Riddle, Doice McAlister, Lyle Huntley, and 5 visitors.

Devotional thoughts were shared by Moderator Paul Kennedy, from I Chronicles 12:32,38. Concerning what 1980 holds for us as Free Will Baptists.

Report of the State Executive Report given by Wade T. Jernigan.

Ken Sluder, Robert Riddle, Doice McAlister was appointed as a committee to look into the salary of the executive office, car expense, and to look into a plan of putting *The Voice* in every Free Will Baptist home.

State Mission Board report was given by Chairman Doice McAlister, stating they have started one new church and in the process of starting another.

A California Christian College report was given by Dr. Parker. Discussion was opened to the idea of Sunday School Seminars or Sunday School Revivals in the State. Bro. Jernigan was asked to bring some information back to the Board.

Discussion was opened to the idea of Spanish speaking churches in the State. Doyce McAlister, chairman of the Mission Board, was asked to get with the West Coast Mission about this possibility.

GENERAL BOARD MINUTES - June 12, 1980

The General Board of the California State Association of Free Will Baptist met on June 12, 1980 at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Bakersfield, sight of the 1980 State Association.

The moderator Bro. Paul Kennedy called the meeting to order. The Board members names were read by Rev. Ron Young Assistant Clerk in the absence of the clerk. Prayer was led by Rev. John Smith Jr. Bro. Kennedy opened the meeting with a devotion from John 14:12-20.

Board members present for the meeting were: Moderator Paul Kennedy; Chairman of the State Mission Board Doice McAlister; Chairman of the C.C.C. Board of Trustees Vernon Jones; Robert Riddle (West Coast); Claudie Hames (Southern); Lyle Huntley (Center); Ben Bush (San Joaquin); Dennis Teague (Golden Gate); Jay Constant (Northern); Ron Young (Assistant Clerk sitting in for the absent clerk). There were 37 visitors present at the meeting.

Dr. Wade T. Jernigan Executive Secretary for the State of California gave his report on the past year of progress and work of the Executive Office. A motion and second was made to accept the report.

Rev. Doice McAlister Chairman of the California State Mission Board gave his report as to the progress and work of the State Mission Board in the past year. Bro. Richard Kennedy gave a short report on the Progress of the North Stockton Work.

Rev. John Smith Jr. newly elected President of California Christian College gave a report on the work and progress of the past year at C.C.C. The Budget for the 1980-1981 School Year was presented with it totaling \$210,800.00. A motion and second was made to accept the report.

A motion and second was made to accept the following resolution and present it to the body.

1. That the Constitution and by-laws of the California State Association be amended to include equal representation from all the affiliated Associations within the State; on the California Christian College Board of Trustees and on The California State Mission Board.
2. Be in resolved that the Moderator appoint a Five (5) Man Committee of the ordained Ministers present to re-word the Constitution and by-laws to read in such a manner. This committee should bring their report back to the body before Saturday Morning.

Special General Board Meeting:

A special Meeting of the General Board was called for following the regular meeting. It was requested that only members of The General Board be present. At that time Dr. Wade T. Jernigan informed the Board he would not seek another two year term as the Executive Secretary of the State of California. A motion and second was made to accept his resignation.

GENERAL BOARD MEETING - June 13, 1980 - 1:00 p.m.

The General Board met in special session as voted by the body to work as a screening committee for the three (3) men nominated for the office of Executive Secretary. (Paul Kennedy, Ken Sluder, Robert Riddle, Claudie Hames, Doice McAlister, Dennis Teague, Lyle Huntley, Wade T. Jernigan, Jay Constant, Ben Bush, and Vernon Jones.)

Candidates: Nuel Brown, Paul Kennedy, Adrian Condit.

The Job description of the office was discussed. It was the general consensus of the Board that we table the voting of the Executive Secretary until Saturday Morning. The body is to be asked where they would like the office to be whether it remain in Fresno or be moved to where the Executive Secretary lives.

Dismissed in Prayer by Bro. Ben Bush.

GENERAL BOARD MEETING - June 13, 1980 - 9:30 p.m.

The General Board met Friday night June 13, 1980 at 9:30 p.m. The purpose for this meeting was to select and recommend a man to be placed in nomination for the Executive Secretary. Prayer concerning this important decision was led by Bro. Jay Constant. The Board decided to take a vote by secret ballot on the one each one felt should be recommended. Bro. Paul Kennedy, present Moderator of the State Association, was nominated by the General Board to be recommended to the people to be the new Executive Secretary.

GENERAL BOARD MEETING - June 14, 1980 - 1:00 p.m.

The General Board met following the Saturday Services to have an organizational meeting and meet with the new Executive Secretary. Those present were: Edward "Butch" Johns (Moderator); Ron Young (Clerk); Charles Roam (Golden Gate); John Stutz (Northern); Robert Riddle (West Coast); Claudie Hames (Southern); Milburn Wilson (Chairman of the State Mission Board); Nuel Brown (Center).

The Board talked with Bro. Paul Kennedy concerning when he could assume responsibilities of the office and the amount of salary. It was decided that as of July 1, 1980 he would assume the office and would receive the same salary as the former Executive Secretary. See General Board Report and Minutes Dec. 4, 1978.

REPORTS

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES - Edward "Butch" Johns, Chairman
Vernon Gunnels; Robert Leeds; Dennis Pettyjohn; Rex Shipman.

RESOLUTION - Nuel Brown, Chairman
Ron Young; Tom Hunt; Mike Criswell; John Hibbard.

FINANCE - Claudie Hames, Chairman
Tim Rolen; Ken Sluder; Vern Gunnels; Rex Shipman.

PUBLICATIONS - Wade T. Jernigan, Chairman
Ben Bush; Vernon Jones; Velnis Freimanis; Richard Kennedy.

OBITUARY - Louise Riddle, Chairman
Phyllis Shipman; June Kennedy; Francis Arnwine; Shirley Weese.

PLACEMENT - Cecil Spurlock, Chairman
Doice McAlister; Lyle Huntley; Merel Guess; Dean Moore.

TEMPERANCE - Carl Young, Chairman
Allen Kennedy; Sam Hensley; Ron Palmer; Mike Eaton.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - Milburn Wilson, Chairman
Adrian Condit; Wilburn Clark; Dennis Pettyjohn; Robert Leeds.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

1. Be it resolved that we give the Host Church a standing vote of thanks for their kindness and Christian hospitality.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. We recommend that each church of our State Association send an offering to support the printing and mailing of *The Voice*.
2. We recommend that each association give 50¢ (Fifty Cents) per member dues for 1980 expenses of the State Association.
3. We recommend that the following honorarium be paid to the state officers: Moderator-\$65.00 Clerk-\$65.00 Assistant Moderator-\$45.00 Assistant Clerk-\$45.00.
4. We recommend that the State budget for this associational year be: (allocated to co-op).

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| National Co-op | 20% | State Mission Board | 15% |
| C.C.C. | 35% | State Office | 30% |
5. We recommend that the 20% National Co-op Allocation be distributed as follows:

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| Executive Office | 30% | Free Will Baptist Bible College | 15.5% |
| Foreign Missions | 23% | Retirement and Insurance | 8% |
| Home Missions | 23% | Comm. on Theological Liberalism | 5% (½%) |
6. We recommend that we give Dr. Worthington a \$250.00 honorarium
7. We recommend that a representative fee of \$125.00 be sent to the National Association.

PUBLICATION COMMITTEE

1. Seven Hundred (700) minutes of the California State Association Meeting be printed.
2. *The Voice* be printed monthly and that the Executive Secretary be responsible for its publication as spelled out by the Constitution. Finance for *The Voice* will come from the monies received by the Executive Office either through Co-op receipts or designated gifts.
3. Every Church give serious consideration to the family plan of *Contact*, our National Publication.
4. Our Churches and Pastors give their people an opportunity to get better acquainted with Free Will Baptist Literature in every Department of Church activities and that they give consideration to its use.
5. Some one in each Church be made responsible to send bulletin and Church papers to the State Office with reports of activities.
6. All of our people study carefully the effectiveness of Gospel and Religious Literature. Also, that the Pastors who would like to begin to use such as a tool of Evangelism at least talk with Jerry Anderson about certain publication which he has printed and uses extensively.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We report that God in His infinite Wisdom has called eleven (11) of our Brothers and Sisters in Christ from our Midst. The names of these are as follows:

Center Association- Sally Freeman, Community Church; Neil Ines, Peggy Moses, and Rev. Ray Purdue, Hanford Church; Eunice Smith, Orange Cove Church; Virgie Condley, Parlier Church; Ben Young, Selma Church.

Golden Gate Association- Reports 4 members have gone on to be with the Lord.

Southern Association- Roy Peterson (Deacon), Lamont Church.

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

We, as the placement committee recommend that the 1981 Session of The California State Association of Free Will Baptist be held in Fresno, California at the New Auditorium of California Christian College. (If the Auditorium is not completed we recommend that we go to the Memorial Free Will Baptist Church as an alternate site.)

Date of the Meeting to be June 18-20, 1981

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We recommend the adoption of the 1979 Report on pages 15 & 16 of the minutes of the Thirty-Sixth Annual Session of the California State Association of Free Will Baptist. Adding a Sixth (6th) point to the Report.

We recommend the adoption of the following report for 1980:

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; . . ."

6. ATTACK ON THE FAMILY—In view of the liberal, unscriptural trend evidenced by the appointing of the Presidential Commission on the Family which has supporters of "Gay Activist Rights" and "Women's Liberation Rights" as a part of its leadership. The Free Will Baptist of California are exhorted to emphasize, through word and deed, their total support of the traditional Biblical concept of the family as outlines in Eph. 5:22-6:4.

Our people are strongly encouraged to demonstrate their support of the Biblical concept of the family in principle and practice, recognizing and acknowledging that the family consists of the man, as husband and Father who is to be the head of the home; the woman as the wife and Mother who is to be in subjection to her husband, and the Children as God's gift and blessing unto the union, showing honor, respect, and obedience to the parents.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

We place in nomination the following people:

STATE OFFICERS

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Moderator | Edward "Butch" Johns |
| Assistant Moderator | Richard Kennedy |
| Clerk | Ron Young |
| Assistant Clerk | Wilburn Clark |

MISSION BOARD MEMBERS

| | |
|---|----------------|
| Nuel Brown (Center Association) | Three Year Man |
| Cecil Spurlock (West Coast Association) | Two Year Man |
| Sam Hensley (Southern Association) | One Year Man |

C.C.C. BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERS

| | |
|--|----------------|
| Ken Sluder (West Coast Association) | Three Year Man |
| Stuart Oller (San Joaquin Association) | Three Year Man |
| J.L. McAlister (Southern Association) | Two Year Man |
| Jay Constant (Northern Association) | Two Year Man |

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Host Pastor

Executive Secretary

Dave Molter (West Coast Association)

Rex Shipman (Golden Gate Association)

Dennis Pettyjohn (Center Association)

SPECIAL REPORT OF COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES AND MEETINGS OF THE PAST YEAR

(As given orally by Bro. Vernon Jones)

June 16, 1979 (Following State Assoc. Meeting)

1. Vernon Jones elected as chairman.
2. Ted Wilbanks elected as clerk.
3. Motion passed to have senior member on board as chairman and rotate each year.

August 24th (First Regular Meeting as set as State Assoc.)

1. Board reaffirmed the direction of the College and that Dr. Parker was in agreement with the direction.
2. Board was informed of the resignation of Margrett Hyatt.

December 18th (Special Called Meeting)

1. Verbal resignation of the Dean was brought to the attention of the board. Board met with President and Dean and asked them to agree to work together until the end of the school year.

January 11th (Regular Planned Meeting)

1. The status of part time teachers was discussed.
2. Tim Rolens' status to be reviewed by the board at the end of the school year.
3. A one year delay was announced about the S.S. Literature.
4. Mrs. Kemps gift of the minutes was graciously accepted.
5. The board passed a resolution that College Administrators cannot hold positions other than those with the school.

March 21st (Special Called Meeting)

1. Dr. Parker submitted his resignation. It was accepted with much regret.
2. Dr. Parker requested an audit of the college financial books.
3. The board voted to request the resignation of Dean Cox effective at the end of the school year.
4. The board voted to consider Bro. John Smith as President (Are to pray concerning this for two weeks then call the chairman with your answer at a time to be determined.)

March 22nd

1. The Auditing Committee Found the Books to be in Order.

May 9th (College Graduation Night)

1. The Board met and confirmed the call of John Smith Jr. as the New President of C.C.C.
2. Reaffirmed the employment of Mr. Ed Hyatt.
3. The board voted to hire Ted Wilbank and Margrett Hyatt as the other teachers to be used for the next year.

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 | 16 | 11 | 10 | 18 | 19 | 84 |
| Membership | 656 | 891 | 123 | 567 | 1,352 | 856 | 4,445 |
| Members Gained | 91 | 124 | 26 | 114 | 175 | 144 | 674 |
| Members Lost | 67 | 98 | 17 | 32 | 309 | 103 | 626 |
| Ordained Ministers | 20 | 23 | 15 | 18 | 33 | 18 | 127 |
| Licensed Ministers | 3 | 3 | 1 | 12 | 9 | 6 | 34 |
| Deacons | 29 | 23 | 12 | | 33 | 32 | 130 |
| Sunday School Enrollment | 591 | 1,561 | 150 | 799 | 1,865 | 1,198 | 6,134 |
| Average Attendance | 464 | 1,189 | 120 | 800 | 1,760 | 946 | 5,309 |
| Women's Aux. Enrollment | 78 | 74 | | | 168 | 120 | 440 |
| Master's Men Enrollment | 16 | 14 | | | 22 | 9 | 59 |
| Prayer Meetings | 10 | 16 | 11 | 10 | 18 | 19 | 84 |
| Parsonages | 3 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 14 | 10 | 37 |
| Value of Churches and Parsonages | \$913,196. | \$2,543,388. | \$420,000. | \$1,800,000. | \$2,655,316. | \$2,492,476. | \$9,024,376. |

| <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 | 276,053 | 323,613 | 52,802 | 278,863 | 431,914 | 549,513 | 1,859,956 |
| Total Local Expenditures | 224,893 | 257,412 | 38,185 | 239,853 | 366,321 | 458,195 | 1,546,681 |
| Outside Giving | | | | | | | |
| Cooperative Plan . . . | 11,744 | 10,833 | 2,560 | 9,137 | 11,926 | 15,292 | 58,931 |
| National Executive Office | | 1,261 | | 100 | | | 1,361 |
| Foreign Missions . . . | 5,698 | 35,816 | 100 | 12,328 | 8,586 | 3,695 | 66,123 |
| Home Missions and Church Extension . . | 5,631 | 4,539 | 108 | 3,289 | 11,023 | 11,541 | 36,022 |
| Retirement and Insurance Board . . | 260 | | | | 760 | 1,293 | 2,079 |
| Other National Ministries | | 1,261 | 15 | 100 | 190 | | 1,446 |
| District or State Ministries | 12,176 | 1,193 | | 1,793 | 6,110 | 6,172 | 21,272 |
| Other Causes | 611 | 11,319 | | 957 | 989 | 1,581 | 15,457 |
| Total Outside Giving . . | 35,891 | 66,202 | 2,149 | 14,355 | 39,925 | 45,365 | 201,737 |

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

Names and Addresses of Ordained Ministers Registered at the Association

| | | |
|--------------------|---|--------------|
| Robert Barlow | 5273 E. Belmont, Fresno, CA 93727 | 209-251-6394 |
| Francis W. Boyle | 569 W. Santa Barbara, Santa Paula, CA 93060 | 805-525-9619 |
| Nuel Brown | 15401 W. "E" St., Kerman, CA 93630 | 209-846-8228 |
| Bill Burgess | 10850 Humem, Hanford, CA 93230 | 209-582-5513 |
| Ben Bush | 807 Acacia St., Modesto, CA 95351 | 209-524-9613 |
| Wilburn Clark | 823 E. Princeton, Ontario, CA 91764 | 714-983-5315 |
| Adrian B. Condit | 1816 Gail Ct., Ceres, CA 95307 | 209-537-0997 |
| Larry Condit | 5920 Dollar Ln., Carmichael, CA 95608 | 916-332-1722 |
| Jay W. Constant | 173 Kearney, Vacaville, CA 95688 | 707-446-9810 |
| Mike Criswell | 414 Atlantic Ave., Shafter, CA 93263 | 805-746-2810 |
| Vern Gunnels Jr. | 1979 Patrick Dr., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523 | 415-798-8554 |
| Tom Hunt | 1190 Lily Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 95050 | 408-296-3614 |
| Lyle E. Huntley | 106 Rall, Clovis, CA 93612 | 209-291-0841 |
| Edward Johns | 3664 Gatty St., Chula Vista, CA 92154 | 714-429-7862 |
| Gary Johnson | 8875 So. Union, Bakersfield, CA 93307 | 805-831-3639 |
| Wade T. Jernigan | 1244 N. Maple, Fresno, CA 93726 | 209-292-7449 |
| J.L. McAlister | 175 S. Dode, Farmersville, CA 93223 | 209-747-0021 |
| Neal Moore | 11361 Crane St., Castroville, CA 95012 | 408-633-3813 |
| W. Dean Moore | 1726 Lincoln Ave., Richmond, CA 94801 | 415-235-9666 |
| Stuart Oller | 225 E. Orangeburg, Modesto, CA 95350 | 209-577-5035 |
| Charles Roam | 106 So. 3rd St., Campbell, CA 95008 | 408-379-1682 |
| Robert H. Riddle | 3941 N. Merced, Baldwin Park, CA 91706 | 714-338-9762 |
| Lonnie L. Rolen | 2913 E. Northdale, Fresno, CA 93726 | 209-229-2203 |
| Tim McLain Rolen | 3395 E. Sierra Madre A, Fresno, CA 93726 | 209-225-4468 |
| Rex Shipman | 1254 San Moritz Dr., San Jose, CA 95132 | 408-259-5698 |
| Ken Sluder | 8802 Lampson Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92641 | 714-636-9320 |
| John Smith Jr. | 4864 E. Normal, Fresno, CA 93703 | 209-251-4215 |
| Richard Smith | 775 So. Second St., Kerman, CA 93630 | 209-846-6712 |
| Rolla Smith | P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202 | 615-367-2320 |
| Cecil Spurlock | 406 Acacia Rd. Santa Paula, CA 93060 | 805-525-5001 |
| W.B. Story | 502 Decatur St., Oildale, CA 93308 | 805-339-7985 |
| John Stutz | 455 Esperanza Way, Stockton, CA 95205 | 209-951-2441 |
| Dennis Teague | 5211 Sobrante Ave., El Sobrante, CA 94803 | 415-222-0445 |
| Jerry Watson | 4415 Damsen Lane, Visalia, CA 93277 | 209-732-7856 |
| M.J. Wilson | 230 W. Palm St., Exeter, CA 93251 | 209-592-4705 |
| Milburn Wilson | 5570 Olinda Rd., El Sobrante, CA 94803 | 415-223-4417 |
| Ron Wood | 2707 Edward Ave., Concord, CA 94520 | 415-689-2011 |
| Melvin Worthington | 1134 Murfreesboro Rd., Nashville, TN 37202 | 615-361-1010 |
| Larkin Yandell | 3011 N. Damaree, Visalia, CA 93277 | 209-732-9945 |
| Carl K. Young | 288 Ely Blvd. South, Petaluma, CA 94952 | 707-763-1865 |
| Ronald Young | 3316 Monterey St., Bakersfield, CA 93306 | 805-366-7719 |

MINUTES
of the
CALIFORNIA STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

March 28-29, 1980

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

1027 Tulare Street, Visalia, California

THEME: "Growing Together" - Hebrews 12:1

FRIDAY EVENING

The Thirty-Second Session of California State Woman's Auxiliary convention met with the First Free Will Baptist Church, Visalia, Calif., March 28-29, 1980 with President June Rolen presiding.

A buffet supper was served to convention guests by the host auxiliary. Vice President Betty Watson and her committee registered all guests.

President June Rolen called the convention to order. The opening hymn "Saved by the Blood" was directed by Clara Tunzi, Greenfield, accompanied by Delilah Scott, Tulare, pianist and Barbara Steigman, Demaree, organist.

Workshops on "What Every Co-Laborer Should Know About Growing" were Conducted.

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| "Growing Up in Leadership" | June Rolen |
| "Growing Out to Win" | Betty Watson |
| "Growing In the Word" | Emma Puett |
| "Growing On in Prayer" | Helen Albright |
| "Growing Around the World" | Phyllis Shipman |
| "Measuring Our Growth" | Phyllis Fite and Kathy McClelland |

Convention guests shared highlights from the workshops before being dismissed by Juanita Wood, Memorial.

SATURDAY MORNING

The session was opened with singing "More About Jesus". President Rolen read Hebrews 12:1. Vivian Mullins, Visalia welcomed everyone. Raynell Hernandez, Greenfield brought the devotion using Psalms 147: 7-8. Donna Van Horn, Memorial sang "Growing in Jesus".

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

Executive Committee recommended that the resignations of Sandi Jones, Secretary; Nora Hampton, Treasurer; and Barbara Myer and Melba Hibbard, Members-at-Large be accepted.

The following committees were appointed:

REGISTRATION

Betty Watson
Becky Pettyjohn

CREDENTIALS

Kathy McClelland
Debe Taylor

FINANCE

Phyllis Fite
Minnie Lacefield

Ruth Walker
Naomi Armstrong
Betty Johnson

Carol Minyard
Debbie Busby
Mary Jones

Raynell Hernandez
Doris Wilson
Eva Conn

RESOLUTION

Phyllis Shipman
Donna Arellano
Donna Flannery
Wilmatine Yandell
Dean Holloway

PLACEMENT

Emma Puett
Winnie McLain
Alda Santos
Adelle Ice
Elega England

APPRECIATION

Donna Smith
Yvonne Brown
Rose Ann Wilson
Peggy Mathis
Billie Mitchell

The following were elected as the Nominating Committee:

Vivian Mullins
Evelyn Smith

Opal Wilbanks
Louise Riddle

Helen Albright

Report of State Field Worker, Phyllis Shipman, was given.

Combined statistical report of Center, Golden Gate, Southern and West Coast Districts was read and accepted.

The report of the treasurer was read and accepted.

The report of the Student Loan Fund was given by the chairman, Juanita Parker.

A report of the Seventh Annual Woman's Retreat was given by Helen Albright.

Letters were read from Cleo Pursell, WNAC Executive Secretary and Dr. Daniel Parker, President of California Christian College.

Dismissed in prayer by Mary Moore, Richmond.

The host auxiliary served doughnuts and coffee during an intermission.

The convention reconvened. Opened with prayer by Sheryl Vanderburg.

The report of the registration committee was read and accepted as follows: Total registered - 160. Center - 44, Golden Gate - 20, Southern - 76, West Coast - 9, Ministers - 2, Visitors - 18.

The Credentials Committee reported that Center, Golden Gate, Southern and West Coast Districts reports and dues had been received.

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

1. That dues be \$2.00 per member (\$1.00 for WNAC and \$1.00 for State).

2. That \$300 (\$250 for travel and \$50 honorarium) be given to the speaker Joan Warren.

3. That the State Treasurer meet with the District Treasurers in a workshop.

The following report of the Resolution Committee was read and accepted: We recommend that each pastor be requested to encourage students from their churches that have borrowed from the Student Loan Fund to make payments promptly.

The Placement Committee report was read and accepted. The next convention will convene at the Demaree Church, 3011 North Demaree Road, Visalia.

The following report of the Appreciation Committee was read and

accepted: We wish to express our appreciation to the host church for the supper, for their preparation for the convention and for their hospitality throughout the convention. We appreciate the response for the California Christian College stove project and National project.

We appreciate Joan Warren for her time spent in preparation and travel to be the speaker and also the women who directed the workshops.

We appreciate our State Officers for the planning of our meeting, the program and the luncheon.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read and officers were elected as follows:

Secretary-Kathy McClelland

Treasurer-Phyllis Fite

Member-at-Large-Donna Smith

Member-at-Large-Evelyn Smith

STUDENT LOAN COMMITTEE

Five Year Member Wilmatine Yandell

Four Year Member Winnie McLain

One Year Member Opal Wilbanks

The following were appointed as delegates to the National Convention at Anaheim, California: *Emma Puett, Raynell Hernandez, Jackie Huntley, Gail Aranda, Della King, Bertha Marin, Linda Gragg, Yvonne Brown, Opal Wilbanks, Evelyn Smith, Pearl Coughran, Elegia England, Cindy Ward, Becky Pettyjohn and Gail Ives.*

Joan Warren, Yakima, Washington, spoke on "We Want to Grow" using Ephesians 4:11-15. After the invitation hymn "Just As I Am" everyone joined in singing "Sweet, Sweet Spirit".

Benediction by the Rev. L.A. Yandell, Demaree.

The convention reassembled at the Holiday Inn for luncheon with prayer by Mary Moore. The Tulare Auxiliary presented a skit "I Shall Not Be Moved". Then Mary Moore sang "Fifth Row Back" and the convention was adjourned.

June Rolen, President

Kathy McCelland, Secretary



CALIFORNIA STATE YOUTH CONFERENCE

April 25 & 26, 1980

THEME: "Involvement in Service" - I Corinthians 15:58, 16:15

The 1980 session of the California State Youth Conference convened on the campus of California Christian College, 4881 East University, Fresno, April 25 & 26, 1980. The session was opened at 4:00 p.m. with greeting from Vice President Phil Taylor. Congregation sang the theme song "Take My Life and Let It Be" led by David Bridgman, accompanied by Donna Van Horn. Prayer was by Narvell Hooks, Memorial.

President Russ Stephens read convention theme I Corinthians 15:58, 16:15 and gave his welcome and remarks.

Motion carried to enter business. Letters were read by Sandra Phillips, Corresponding Secretary. Letters were accepted.

After a short break competitive activities began under the direction of Tom Bush. Those participating were as follows:

Bible Memorization - Scott Evans, Mt. View; Vicki Hunt, Mt. View.

Sword Drill - Richard Chastain, Oxnard; Renee Polk, Mt. View.

A question of the use of 1st edition or 2nd edition in competition resulted in a motion allowing both competitors to use their own Bible. Motion passed.

Tic-Tac-Toe - Orange Cove; Mt. View.

Lack of progress in the game called for a conference with team coaches. A motion was made and approved for the teams only to play one game instead of two out of three. Winner of first game to be representative at the National.

Bible Bowl - Baldwin Park.

Music and Arts - Oxnard Chorale; David Bridgman - Fresno, Harmony
Russ Stephens - Fresno, Memorial

The evening service began at 7:30 p.m. with singing of the theme song "Take My Life and Let It Be" led by David Bridgman. An offering was received with prayer given by Robert Riddle, Baldwin Park. Special music was provided by Debbie Kelton singing three songs and Jim McClelland and Jonathan Yandell, together, singing three songs. The State CTS Officers David Bridgman, Sandra Phillips, Leah Ann Smith and Phil Taylor, presented a skit entitled "Thou Fool". Stuart Oller, North Modesto, gave a devotional message from II Peter 3:3-14. Congregation sang "I surrender All". President Stephens closed meeting with remarks to encourage young people to become involved and incorporated a surprise skit on involvement with Tom Bush and Dennis Teague.

Motion then carried to enter business. Committees were appointed as follows:

RESOLUTION AND PLACEMENT - Angela Maynard, Chairman, Center
Cathy Ball, Golden Gate

David McCullough, West Coast

FINANCE - Leah Ann Smith, Chairman, Center
Diane Phillips, Golden Gate

Mitzi Harrison, West Coast
Vilnis Freimanis, West Coast

NOMINATING - Vil Freimanis, Chairman, West Coast
Mrs. Tom Hunt, Golden Gate
Judy Millard, Center

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Service was opened with congregational singing and prayers led by Tom Hunt, Mt. View. Business was called to order by President Stephens. Minutes were read and accepted after a change request for 1979 Sword Drill; Tommy Hunt should be listed as first place and Richard Chastain as second. Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Committee reports were given as follows:

RESOLUTION AND PLACEMENT

1. We resolve to give a vote of thanks to California Christian College for hosting the 1980 CTS Rally.
2. We resolve that the 1981 CTS Rally be held at California Christian College or in the Fresno area. Tabled.

FINANCE

1. We resolve that the State Youth Conference give \$25 to Stuart Oller in appreciation of his time and effort.
2. We resolve that the State Youth Conference give \$25 to Dennis Teague in appreciation of his time and effort.
3. We resolve that the State Youth Conference pay all registration fees for any competitors we may have.

NOMINATING

Pianist - Brenda Evans; Mitzi Harrison; Brenda York. Tabled.

Open discussion was held on the subject of CCC Hospitality Days and the State CTS Rally convening jointly again next year. Reason for this proposal was to save transportation. The registration for Hospitality Days was extremely low with registration for the CTS Rally very good. Motion was made and carried that the CTS Officers meet with the College Administration to set up the schedule for the two.

Another motion was made and approved for all promotional material to be mailed out in February.

Presentation of awards was done by Tom Bush, Competitive Activities Director, and given as follows:

Bible Memorization - Scott Evans, Mt. View - medal.

Vicki Hunt, Mt. View - medal.

Both will be representatives at the National.

Sword Drill – Renee Polk, Mt. View - First Place.
Richard Chastain, Oxnard - Second Place.

Tic-Tac-Toe – Orange Cove - First Place.
Mt. View - Second Place.

Bible Bowl - Baldwin Park.

Music and Arts – Oxnard Chorale - No. 1 rating.

Russ Stephens, Fresno, Memorial - No. 1 rating.

After a break, the congregation reassembled for the morning worship service. Meeting was opened with the theme song and prayer led by John Metcalf, Oxnard. Singing was led by David Bridgman, accompanied by Kay Metcalf. An offering was taken and then special music was rendered by "The Joyful Sound" from California Christian College. The Message brought by Dennis Teague was taken from I Corinthians 9:24-27 with the theme of involvement - "Get Off the Bench".

Final Business session was called to order by Russ Stephens, President. Items taken off the floor were: Nominations and Placement. Nominations for pianist were taken from the floor. None were given, Mitzi Harrison was elected by acclamation. For Placement, Mr. John Smith, Jr., President Elect of CCC, gave his approval for the 1981 Rally to be held on the College Campus. Date for the 1981 Rally will be April 24-25.

Motion was made and carried to dismiss. Closed with congregational singing of the theme song "Take My Life and Let It Be".

Respectfully submitted,
July Millard, Recording Secretary



CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION

OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

From long experience, we the members of the Free Will Baptist denomination, being regularly baptized upon the profession of our faith in Christ, and realizing the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among us as an association of churches, and to preserve and maintain correspondence and coordination with us, do therefore, ordain this constitution for our better denominational government.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the California State Association of Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be to coordinate efforts and policy for the primary cause of the evangelization and unifying the efforts of its constituency in denominational work in the State of California and to aid in spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ unto the "uttermost parts of the earth."

ARTICLE III - DELEGATION

Delegates to this association shall consist of two types. One shall be those defined as elected delegates representing the affiliated associations and the other shall be defined as standing delegates.

1. **STANDING DELEGATES.** Standing delegates shall be all ordained 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 seven members, one selected by each affiliated association and one elected by popular vote of this body. Their terms of office shall be staggered from one to three years, so arranged that two members shall be selected each year for two years and that three members shall be elected on the third year. In the event a member moves from the Assoc., 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. The Out-of-state members are to be elected by their respective bodies. Six of the California members shall be selected, one by each of the affiliated associations and three shall be elected by popular vote of this body. The terms of office of California members shall be arranged that they rotate on a three-year basis. Two selected members and one popular vote member shall be elected each year. In the event a member moves from the Assoc., 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

This board shall seek to work harmoniously with the other denominational academic institutions.

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.

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.

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.

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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."