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June 17, 18, 19, 1982
Dr. Milburn Wilson, Host Pastor

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### PROCEEDINGS

### THURSDAY EVENING SERVICES

THEME: "A Revival of Church Planting" - I Cor. 3:1-9

The Thirty-Eighth Annual Session of the California State Association of Free Will Baptists convened on Campus at California Christian College, 4881 East University Avenue, Fresno, California, June 18-20, 1981. Convention hymn, "O Zion Haste", was directed by Bro. Bob McGill, accompanied at the piano by Sis. Deanna Wilbanks. The congregation was lead in an opening prayer by Rev. Sam Hensley, pastor of the Shafter Free Will Baptist Church. The congregational singing continued, singing "Jesus Saves" and "I Will Serve Thee".

The State Clerk, Ron Young, called the 38th Annual Session of the California State Association of Free Will Baptists to order. Rev. Richard Kennedy, Acting Moderator, was introduced by the clerk. Bro. Kennedy gave his Moderator's remarks using I Cor. 3:1-9 to challenge those present. His remarks were concluded by prayer challenge and commitment for each of us.

Bro. Bob McGill, our convention Music Director, introduced the special singing for the evening. Bro. J.R. Overman sang "Rise Again". The Living Hope Quartet from Free Will Baptist Bible College sang, "A Volunteer for for Jesus" and "I've Been Changed".

The evening speaker, Rev. Keith Burden, pastor of the Harmony Free Will Baptist Church of Fresno, was introduced by the Moderator. Bro. Burden preached an outstanding message from Acts 13:3-4 speaking on the theme "A Revival of Church Planting Through the Holy Spirit".

The Moderator, Bro. Richard Kennedy, appointed the Committee on Committees. They were: Carl Young, Wilburn Clark, Sam Hensley, Lonnie Rolen, Stuart Oller. Announcements were made with instructions to the Committee on Committees to meet after services and bring a report to the morning Business Session. The service was closed in prayer by Rev. Claudie Hames, pastor of the Bakersfield, First F.W.B. Church.

### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The morning session began with the F.W.B. Bible College Quartet singing "This World is Not My Home". Congregational singing was led by Bro. Bob McGill, singing "Happiness is to Know the Saviour" and "Haven of Rest". Bro. Ed Hyatt, teacher at C.C.C., gave a devotional from Eph. 6:18-20 and Eph. 2:13-18. Prayer was lead by Dr. Wade T. Jernigan.

Rev. John Smith, President of California Christian College, gave a hearty welcome to all ministers, delegates, and visitors to the Thirty-Eighth Annual State Association meeting.

The Moderator called for the reading of all letters of the member Associations of the State. Letters from Center, Southern, West Coast, San Joaquin, Northern and Golden Gate were read. A motion and second was made to accept the letters as read and seat the delegates.

The report of the Committee on Committees was read and accepted by vote of the body. (See Reports)

All visiting Brethern and other visitors were welcomed by the Moderator and asked to sit in an advisary capacity with us.

The Executive Secretary, Bro. Paul Kennedy, gave the Report of the State Executive Office. This was his first report since being elected at the last annual session. During this report Bro. Kennedy gave a presentation of the "200x2000" Program and challenge for our state work. (See printed programs "200x2000") A motion and second was made to accept this report and the program "200x2000" and to give the Executive Secretary authority to do whatever is necessary to implement the program.

### **ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE**

The services opened with congregational singing led by Bro. Bob McGill singing the humn "Praise the Lord". The opening prayer was led by Bro. Francis Boyle from the Santa Paula Church. Hymn "O Zion Haste", the convention hymn and "My Faith Looks Up To Thee" were sung by the congregation.

Special singing was provided by the Living Hope Quartet, singing "I'd Rather Be an Old Time Christian" and "When They Crown Him King of Kings".

Bro. Keith Burden, Acting Assistant Moderator, introduced the speaker for the service, Rev. Ron Young, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Salinas. His message was taken from Mark 1:25-35, preaching on the theme "A Revival of Church Planting Through Evangelism". Rev. John Smith dismissed us in prayer until the 1.30 Business Session.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was opened with congregational singing led by Bro. Bob McGill singing "The Solid Rock". We were led in prayer by Bro. John Young, Sr. Special singing was by Bro. J.R. Overman, singing "I Know Now".

Dr. Charles Thigpen, President of F.W.B. Bible College in Nashville, TN, was recognized to give a report on the college. A motion and second was made to accept the report as information.

Rev. Claudie Hames, Board Member of the National Home Mission and Church Extension Board, was recognized to give a report on that board. A motion and second was made to accept the report as information.

Rev. Francis Boyle was recognized to give a report of the National Board of Retirement and Insurance. He is chairman of that board. A motion and second was accepted to accept this report as information.

Bro. Paul Kennedy, Executive Secretary of the State of California, was recognized to give a report on the National Laymen's Board of which he is a member. A motion and second was made to accept the report as information.

A report of the General Board was given by the State Clerk, Bro. Ron Young. (See Reports) A motion and second was made to accept the report as read.

A report of the special Executive Committee of the General Board was given by the clerk. Motion and second was made to lay this on the table until tomorrow as it requires a constitutional change.

The following General Board Members were elected from their respective Associations: Larry Carr (West Coast); Claudie Hames (Southern); Nuel Brown (Center); Adrian Condit (San Joaquin); John Stutz (Northern); and Ron Wood (Golden Gate).

Bro. Vernon Jones, present Chairman of the C.C.C. Board of Trustees was recognized to give a report. A motion and second was made to accept the report as given.

Dr. Milburn Wilson, chairman of the State Mission Board was recognized to give his report on the work of the State Mission Board. (See Digest of Reports). A motion and second was made to accept his report.

The moderator opened nominations for those to represent the State of California as delegates to the National Associational Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky in July. The following were elected as delegates: Paul Cole, George Bronkhurst, Sam Dillon, Milburn Jones and Donna Smith.

A motion and second was made to adjourn from business until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning. We were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Jonathan Yandell, pastor of the Tulare Church.

### FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES

The evening services were opened in singing "All Hail The Power" led by Bro. Bob McGill, our convention song leader and accompanied on the piano by Sis Deanna Wilbanks. Singing continued with "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" and "I'll Be True, Lord Jesus" as well as "Set My Soul Afire, Lord". The congregation was led in prayer by Rev. Larry Condit, pastor of the Capitol Free Will Baptist Church in Sacramento. Bro. J.R. Overman sang "The Blood Will Never Lose It's Power" in Spanish, to the joy of the congregation, especially Bro. Coralles, our speaker. The Living Hope Quartet sang three outstanding specials that thrilled each of our hearts. "Glory to His Name", "We Shall Rise", and "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone". Dr. Milburn Wilson, chairman of the State Mission Board had the honor of introducing the Speaker of the Hour. He was Rev. Osmundo Coralles, pastor of the Resurrection Church of Culver City, California. He spoke on the subject "A Revival of Church Planting Through Missions". He used John 4:34-38 for his text. A Missionary Offering was received to help the Cuban pastors now in transit to California to get to the L.A. area. We were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Robert Riddle, pastor of the Baldwin Park Church.

### SATURDAY MORNING SERVICES

The morning session was opened with congregational singing "Redeemed" led by our convention Music Director, Bro. Bob McGill. We also sang "Lift Him Up" as a tribute to what Christ has done for us. A devotional and prayer was given by Bro. John Aranda, Deacon from the Richmond First Church. (See Program)

Bro. Narvel Hooks was recognized to give a report on the State C.T.S. Rally held in Fresno in April. Bro. Hooks is the newly elected President of the State C.T.S. Rally. Bro. Keith Burden, State C.T.S. Sponsor (along with his wife) was recognized to give additional information on the State C.T.S. A motion and second was made to accept these reports as information

Sis June Rolen, State Woman's Auxiliary President, was recognized to give a report on the State Auxiliary Meeting. A motion and second was made to accept this report as information.

The State Clerk, Bro. Ron Young, read the Report of the Finance Committee. A motion and second was made to accept the report and vote on them item by item. (See Reports)

The Clerk read the report from the Resolutions Committee. A motion and second was made to accept the report and vote on them item by item. (See Reports)

The Clerk read the Temperance Committee Report. A motion and second was made to accept the report and vote on them item by item. (See Reports)

The Clerk read the Placement Committee Report. A motion and second was made to accept the report and vote on them item by item. (See Reports)

The Clerk read the Resolutions Committee report. A motion and second was made to accept the report and vote on them item by item. (See Reports)

The Clerk read the Obituary Committee Report. A motion and second was made to accept this report as information.

The State Clerk read the Partial Report of the Nominating Committee placing the following people's names in nomination. (All of these were elected to the positions they were nominated for.)

### C.C.C. Board of Trustees

- 3 Year Man-At-Large (West Coast) . . Robert Riddle
- 3 Year Man (Golden Gate) . . . . . Vernon Jones
- 3 Year Man (Center) . . . . . . . . . . Bobby Wilbanks

### State Mission Board

- 3 Year Man (Southern) . . . . . . . . Sam Hensley
- 3 Year Man (Northern) . . . . . . . Marvin Bryant

A motion and second was made to accept the recommendation of the Committee on Committees as the ones suggested by this committee were placed on the Program Committee.

### Program Committee

A motion and second was made to remove from the Table the recommendation from the General Board concerning the indefinite call of the State Executive Secretary. (The Executive Secretary would be elected to an indefinite term of office beginning with the present Executive Secretary, Bro. Kennedy). A motion and second was made to accept the recommendation from the General Board and make the necessary changes in the Constitution to bring this to pass.

A motion and second was made to recommend that concerned churches pledge the balance of the money needed to get the Cuban pastors to their places of service. This was accepted as information.

A motion and second was made to recess from business until after the 11:00 o'clock Worship Service.

### **ELEVEN O'CLOCK WORSHIP SERVICE**

The services were opened with singing "Amazing Grace" led by convention Music Director, Bob McGill. The Living Hope Quartet from F.W.B. Bible College in Nashville sang "Where Could I Go?" and "In Times Like These" for our special singing. Acting Assistant Moderator Keith Burden introduced the Speaker of the Hour, Dr. Milburn Wilson, pastor of the Sherwood Forest F.W.B. Church in El Sobrante. He spoke on the subject "A Revival of Church Planting Through Fellowship" using Phil. 1:3-6 as the text for his message.

As soon as the services were over we were called back to business session by the Moderator. The Clerk read the balance of the Nominating Committee Report. A motion and second was made to accept the report and vote on each office and officer individually. (Everyone that the nominating committee recommended were elected to their respective offices.)

A motion and second was made that we adjourn from the business session and also be dismissed from this the Thirty-Eighth Annual Session of the California State Association of Free Will Baptist. The information was passed on that we would meet again next year on June 17, 18, 19, 1982 at the Sherwood Forest Free Will Baptist Church at El Sobrante, California. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Francis Boyle.

### GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

Friday, June 18, 1981 at 3:00 p.m.

The General Board of the California State Association of Free Will Baptists met on June 18, 1981 at California Christian College, the sight of the 1981 State Association

The General Board was called to order by Bro. Richard Kennedy, Assistant Moderator in the absence of Moderator Edward Johns. It was reported to the board that both Bro and Sis Johns were ill, preventing him from moderating the meeting.

Bro. Kennedy read I Corinthians 3:1-9 and gave a devotion on the scripture. He mentioned the importance of planting and watering alike by the power and authority of God. Bro. Kennedy led in prayer to begin the meeting.

Bro. Ron Young, State Clerk, read the names of the General Board members who had a vote during this meeting. Richard Kennedy (Acting Moderator), Ron Young (State Clerk), Robert Riddle (West Coast), Claudie Hames (Southern), Nuel Brown (Center), Doice McAlister (San Joaquin), Johnny Stutz (Northern), and Ron Wood (Golden Gate). The minutes from last year's board meetings were read and accepted.

Bro. Paul Kennedy, Executive Secretary, gave his report on the work and progress of the State office for the past year. He referred to the digest of reports for his information. (See Digest of Reports).

A motion and second was made to give the Executive Secretary the following raises in his salary and benefits.

- 1. A \$50.00 per week raise in his salary.
- 2. Raise his gasoline mileage reimbursements from 15 cents per mile to 18 cents per mile.
- 3. That a health insurance plan be activated and paid for by the state office for the Executive Secretary using the insurance plan at C.C.C.

A motion and second was made to recommend that the *Voice* be made available on a subscription basis to each church. Also, that this be turned over to the publication committee for work and a report be brought back on Saturday during the committee reports.

Dr. Milburn Wilson, Chairman of the State Mission Board, gave his report on the work and progress of the Mission Board during the past year. (See Digest of Reports)

Bro. John Smith, Jr., President of California Christian College, gave his report on the work and progress of C.C.C. during the past year. A suggested budget of \$217,200.00 was proposed for the 1981-82 school year. (See Digest of Reports)

For information, Bro. Smith said Bro. Jim O'Donnel of the state of Oregon will be hired as the Dean of Students for the coming year. Also it was stated that all present faculty plus at least one other part-time teacher will be retained for the coming year.

A motion and second was made that the Moderator have the power to appoint an Assistant Moderator to serve during the meeting. (Bro. Keith Burden was chosen, with Bro. Paul Kennedy asking to sit as Parliamentarian for this meeting.)

A motion and second was made that the office of the Executive Secretary be set up as an indefinite term of office.

A motion and second was made to appoint a three-man committee from the General Board to look into the changing of the constitution and guideline concerning the office of Executive Secretary.

The committee was appointed as follows: Ron Young (State Clerk), Robert Riddle (West Coast), John Stutz (Northern). This committee was instructed to meet and come up with a workable change in the constitution to fit the indefinite term of office for the Executive Secretary.

A motion and second was made to adjourn from the meeting. Bro. Claudie Hames led in the prayer of dismissal.

### Friday, June 18, 1981 - 9:30 p.m.

The Special Committee appointed by the Moderator met to work out the changes necessary in the constitution and guideline concerning the term of office of the Executive Secretary. The committee was: Ron Young (State Clerk), Robert Riddle (West Coast), John Stutz (Northern).

The following is the recommendation from this committee to the Association: (Under letter "E" of the Constitution and By-Laws under the Description of Duties)

E. The Executive Secretary. The Executive Secretary shall be elected for an indefinite term of office. Be it understood that upon acceptance of this position the Executive Secretary shall serve a minimum of six months, the sole exception being for reason of health. In the event of his resignation or termination of office by the General Board, he shall give or be given 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 until the next Regular Associational Meeting.

The General Board members to serve for 1981-82 are as follows: Richard Kennedy (Moderator) Ronald Young (State Clerk)

Ronald Toung (State Clerk
Larry Carr (West Coast)

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Claudie Hames (Southern)

Nuel Brown (Center)

Adrian Condit (San Joaquin)

John Stutz (Northern)

Ron Wood (Golden Gate)

Milburn Wilson (Chairman State Mission Board)

Carl Young (Chairman C.C.C. Board of Trustees)

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES - Carl Young, Chairman Wilburn Clark; Sam Hensley; Lonnie Rolen; Stuart Oller

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FINANCE - Rex Shipman, Chairman

Lyle Huntley, Dean Moore, Vilnis Freimanis, Vernon Jones

PUBLICATION - Paul Kennedy, Chairman

Merel Guess, Larry Carr; Doice McAlister; Keith Burden

OBITUARY - June Kennedy, Chairman Elsie Kemp; Helen Albright; Dorthy Cluck; Louise Riddle

PLACEMENT - Nuel Brown, Chairman Robert Leeds; John Redfearn; Mike Criswell; E.B. Condit

TEMPERANCE - Robert Riddle, Chairman Bobby Jude; Dennis Pettyjohn; Jim Weese; Elmer Hibbard

NOMINATING - Claudie Hames, Chairman Lonnie Rolen; Ken Sluder; Tom Hunt; Larry Condit

PROGRAM - Paul Kennedy, Chairman
Milburn Wilson (Host Pastor); L.A. Yandell; Carl Young; Tim Rolen

### 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 \$.75 (seventy-five cents) per member dues for 1981 expenses of the State Association.
- 3. We recommend that the following honorariums be paid to the state officers: Moderator \$65.00; State Clerk \$65.00; Assistant Moderator \$45.00; Assistant State Clerk \$45.00.
- 4. We recommend that the State budget for this associational year be: (allocated to co-op)

National Co-op 20%	State Mission Board 15%
C.C.C	State Office

5. We recommend that the 20% National Co-op Allocation be distributed as follows:

Executive Office 30%	F.W.B. Bible College 15.5%
Foreign Missions 23%	Retirement & Insurance 8%
Home Missions 23%	Comm. on Theological
	Liberalism (½%)

- 6. We recommend that a representative fee of \$125.00 be sent to the National Association.
- 7. We recommend that the Friday evening offering of \$582.07 be designated to help the Cuban pastors get to California.

### PUBLICATION COMMITTEE

- 1. Seven Hundred (700) minutes of the California State Association Meeting be printed and distributed.
- 2. A letter be sent to each pastor explaining the need of *The Voice* to become self-supporting. *The Voice* continue to be distributed to the churches by bulk mail and an invoice be sent with each mailing. This invoice being a request that forty cents (\$.40) per copy per month be sent to the State Office.
- 3. Each church give consideration to the family plan of *Contact*, our National Magazine.
- 4. Our churches and pastors make sincere efforts to reacquaint themselves with Free Will Baptist Publications and literature and consideration to their use.
- 5. Each church have a church reporter to send bulletins, mid-week reminders, and church papers to the State Office with reports of the activities of their church.

### **OBITUARY COMMITTEE**

We report that God in His infinite Wisdom has called twenty-four (24) of our Brothers and Sisters in Christ from our Midst. The names of these are as follows:

Southern Association - Mattie Baxter, Farmersville; Emma Bentley, Lamont; Roy Peterson (Deacon), Lamont; Eva Garrett, Lamont; Lola Hayes, Shafter; Hazel Hensley, Shafter.

Golden Gate - Kay Barnes, Concord; Roxie Dickerson, Concord; Emma Phillips, Concord; Nellie Gordanier, Salinas First; Russell Fix, Pleasant Hill; William Allen, Pleasant Hill; Dez Brown, Antioch; Neva Plank, Antioch; Myrtle Montgomery, Richmond First; Meade Halluck, Santa Clara; Jewel Nance, Santa Clara; Bill Caldwell, Santa Clara; Benny Switzer, Santa Clara; H.G. Walker, Petaluma.

Center Association - Rev. Cecil Porter, Parlier; Janie Porter, Parlier. San Joaquin Association - Edna Blaylock, First Modesto.

West Coast Association - Audi Shewmake, Princeton, Ontario.

### PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

We, as the Placement Committee, recommend that the 1982 Session of the California State Association of Free Will Baptist be held at the Sherwood Forest Free Will Baptist Church, El Sobrante, California.

Date of the meeting to be June 17, 18, 19, 1982.

### TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We recommend the adoption of the 1980 Report on pages 14, 15 & 16 of the Thirty-Seventh Annual Session of the California State Association of Free Will Baptist.

The only change being leaving out the statement "Adding a Sixth point to the Report."

We recommend the adoption of the following report for 1981.

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 Presidental 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.

### RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

We, the Resolution Committee recommend the following for the consideration of the State Association.

- 1. That the California State Association of Free Will Baptist recommend to the National Association the following: All State Executive Secretaries not having a standing vote at the National Association be given a standing vote at the National.
- 2. That we recommend to the National Association that they no longer print the names of independent Free Will Baptist Churches in the State of California in the National Directory of Churches.
- 3. That we give California Christian College and its staff and faculty a standing vote of thanks for the fine hospitality and for hosting this State Association.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We place in nomination the following people:

STATE OFFICERS:

Moderator – Richard Kennedy Assistant Moderator – Keith Burden State Clerk – Ron Young Assistant State Clerk – Wilburn Clark

### C.C.C. BOARD OF TRUSTEES (Three-Year Men)

Robert Riddle (At Large)
Vernon Jones (Golden Gate)
Bobby Wilbanks (Center)

### STATE MISSION BOARD (Three-Year Men)

Sam Hensley (Southern)
Marvin Bryant (Northern)

Note: All of these were elected to their respective positions when the elections were held.

### PROGRAM COMMITTEE

This committee will meet to set up the program, speakers and such for the 1982 meeting.

Paul Kennedy, Chairman (Executive Secretary)
Milburn Wilson (Host Pastor)
L.A. Yandell (Southern)
Tim Rolen (Center)
Carl Young (Golden Gate)

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### **Ordained Ministers**

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Mike Criswell	2719 Bolker Way, Pt. Hueneme, CA 93041	(805) 985-0179
Horace Gentry	63 N. Osmun, Clovis CA 93612	(209) 948-0581
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### STATISTICAL REPORT OF AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS

Association	Center	Golden Gate	Northern California	San Joaquin Valley	Southern	West Coast	Total
Churches	. 10	16	9	10	17	17	79
Membership	. 725	919	232	665	1224	710	4475
Members Gained	. 116	168	41	115	156	124	720
Members Lost	. 118	89	29	30	243	181	690
Ordained Ministers	. 18	23	14	19	30	21	125
Licensed Ministers	. 1	3	1	4	12	7	28
Deacons	. 31	36	19	13	36	17	139
Sunday School Enrollment	. 697	1242	403	455	1678	1274	4737
Average Attendance	473	963	297	313	1589	918	4675
Women's Aux. Enrollment.	. 81	80	40	_	_	81	292
Master's Men Enrollment	17	_	<u>.                                      </u>	_	. · ·	8	25
Prayer Meetings	10	16	8	10	17	17	79
Parsonages	3	7	. 1 .	2	11	7	31
Value of Churches and Parsonages \$1,4	31,000 \$2,	,925,089	\$560,000 \$	1,970,750 \$2,6	92,000 \$	2,700,000 \$9,	769,425

Association	Center	Golden Gate	Northern California	San Joaquin Valley	Southern	West Coast	Total
Total Income	\$268,735	\$455,563	\$30,987	\$273,399	\$449,370	\$414,993	\$1,876,024
Total Local Expenditures	\$228,211	\$401,539	\$25,950	\$230,333	\$341,151	\$362,230	\$1,589,416
Outside Giving Cooperative Plan	\$ 12,043	\$ 14,536	\$ 2,467	\$ 7,674	\$ 9,912	\$ 14,294	\$ 60,955
National Executive Office	-	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	_		· —	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Foreign Missions	\$ 4,471	\$ 21,315	_	\$ 8,516	\$ 5,396	\$ 2,000	\$ 41,698
Home Missions and Church Extension	\$ 6,070	\$ 6,988	_	\$ 2,990	\$ 9,944	\$ 3,479	\$ 29,472
Retirement and Insurance Board		\$ 2,575		_	\$ 555	\$ 881	\$ 4,011
Other National Ministries	\$ 800		\$ 20	<del></del>	<u></u>		\$ 820
District or State Ministries	\$ 9,516	\$ 2,941	\$ 408	\$ 1,968	\$ 6,464	_	\$ 20,847
Other Causes	<del>-</del>	<u> </u>		\$ 860	\$ 1,233	\$ 26,561	\$ 28,655
Total Outside Giving	\$ 33,920	\$ 53,568	\$ 5,037	\$ 18,846	\$ 33,506	\$ 48,011	\$ 192,891

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

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## MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-THIRD SESSION OF CALIFORNIA STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

April 3 - 4, 1981 — Demaree Free Will Baptist Church 3011 N. Demaree Road, Visalia, California

THEME: "LAUNCH OUT"

### FRIDAY EVENING

The Thirty-Third Session of California State Woman's Auxiliary Convention met with the Demaree Free Will Baptist Church in Visalia, California, April 3-4, 1981 with President June Rolen presiding.

A salad bar supper was served to convention guests by the local auxiliary. Vice-President Betty Watson and the Registration Committee registered the guests.

Services opened with a singspiration led by Kate Wilbanks, Harmony. President June Rolen called the convention to order. The opening hymn, "Jesus Calls Us", was directed by Kaye Wilbanks, accompanied by Debbie Burden, Harmony, pianist, and Barbara Steigman, First Modesto, organist. Prayer was led by Oretha Hamlin, Sherwood. Special music was presented by the Farmersville Auxiliary.

The forum was held, involving the audience in "How to Launch Out In Auxiliary" as state officers described various functions and concerns of the auxiliary.

"Launch Out in Prayer" groups were conducted by the following women:

Deborah	Brenda Trigg
Esther	. Barbara McAlister
Lydia	Carolyn Redfearn
Priscilla	Kaye Wilbanks
Ruth	Nancy Little

Convention guests shared highlights from the prayer groups. The benediction was by June Rolen.

### SATURDAY MORNING

The session was opened by singing "Send the Light", followed with prayer led by Ellen Ashoori, Downey Avenue. Wilmatine Yandell, Demaree, welcomed guests to the convention. Devotional thoughts from Luke 5:4 were given by Linda Johnson, South Union. The Demaree Women's Chorale sang "Launch Out".

The following committees were appointed by the president:

REGISTRATION	CREDENTIALS	FINANCE
Gwen Coughran	Betty Watson	Phyllis Fite
Joyce Parreira	Sheryl Vanderburg	Minnie Lacefield
Essie Griffin	Barbara McAlister	Carole Bechere
Paula Clark	Virginia Humphreys	Doris Wilson
Brenda Trigg	Ellen Ashoori	Pansey Cravens
		Lucille Wren

RESOLUTION

**PLACEMENT** 

**APPRECIATION** 

Phyllis Shipman

Debbie Allen
Nina Richardson

Cindy Carr

Sue Kuykendall

Debbie Burden Oretha Hamlin

Myrtle Roach
Reba Schonfeld

Barbara Blankenship

Ruth Walker Wanda Nelson

Selma Johnson

The following were elected to serve as the Nominating Committee:

Pansy Cravens

Winnie McLain

Sue MacGill

Winnie Yandell

Brenda Trigg

The report of State Field Worker, Phyllis Shipman, was given. The combined statistical report of Center, Golden Gate, Southern, West Coast, and Northern Districts was read and accepted.

The report of the treasurer was read and accepted.

Chairman Winnie McLain gave the report of the Student Loan Fund. Winnie McLain was elected to serve as five-year member of the Student Loan Committee.

The report of the Eighth Annual Women's retreat, "The More We Share . . . The More We Care", held October 16-18, 1980 at Emerald Cove Camp, Bass Lake, California, was given. President June Rolen displayed a quilt made for Sarah Mayhew, speaker at the retreat, by Carole Bechere, Newark. The quilt was made from the fabric pieces of the registration tags and table runners.

Letters were read from Cleo Pursell, WNAC Executive Secretary; Archie and Sarah Mayhew, former missionaries to the Ivory Coast; and Rolla Smith, General Director of the National Foreign Missions.

President June Rolen dismissed in prayer.

The local auxiliary served coffee and doughnuts during the coffee break. The convention reconvened with prayer by Ruth Walker, First Modesto, followed by the hymn, "The Regions Beyond", led by Phyllis Shipman, Newark.

A convention offering of \$342.52 was received.

A solo, "So Send I You", was sung by Debbie Burden. Mabel Willey, senior missionary, spoke of the experiences of launching out for the Master using Psalm 16:6 as a Scripture reference. After the message, the worship service closed with the hymn, "Wherever He Leads, I'll Go".

The report of the Registration Committee was read and accepted as follows: Total registered — 190; Center — 46; Golden Gate — 36; Southern — 71; West Coast — 11; Northern — 4; Ministers — 3; Visitors — 19.

The Credentials Committee reported that a petitionary letter from Northern District had been received, and recommended that it be accepted. Center, Golden Gate, Southern, and West Coast Districts were represented. The report was accepted. Additional information regarding districts' statistics was requested, and district secretaries were asked to submit complete and current information to the state secretary for proper reporting to the National Woman's Auxiliary.

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 \$219.00 travel expenses and convention love offering be given to the guest speaker, Missionary Mabel Willey; 3) That Carole Bechere be reimbursed for the expense of making the quilt for Sarah Mayhew in the amount of \$35.00

The following report of the Resolution Committee was read and accepted. We recommend -1) That the Student Loan interest rate be raised from 5% to 10%; 2) That each local auxiliary remember the stove project for California Christian College, and the funds still needed to complete that project; 3) That each local auxiliary keep before the members the needs of Jim and Susan Moser, missionaries to Brazil, whose account is in the red.

The following report of the Placement Committee was read and accepted: The next convention will meet at the Memorial Free Will Baptist Church, 4141 N. Millbrook, Fresno, California, April 2-3, 1982.

The following report of the Appreciation Committee was read and accepted: We wish to express our appreciation to the host auxiliary for the supper, for their preparation for the convention, and for their hospitality. throughout the convention. We appreciate the 120 hours Carole Bechere labored in making the quilt for Sarah Mayhew. We appreciate Martha Bolinger and Sheryl Vanderburg for helping type and assemble the convention reports. We appreciate the women who participated in the Friday night prayer groups. We appreciate our state officers for the planning of our meetings, the program and luncheon, and Mabel Willey for her time spent in preparation and travel to be the speaker.

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

President . . . . . June Rolen Member-at-Large . . . . Donna Smith Vice President . . . Betty Watson Member-at-Large . . . Evelyn Smith Secretary . . . Sheryl Vanderburg Member-at-Large . . . Emma Puett Treasurer . . . . . Phyllis Fite Field Worker . . . . Phyllis Shipman

The following were appointed as delegates to the National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky: Donna Smith, Raynell Hernandez, Diane Yandell, Cindy Carr, Ellen Ashoori, Kaye Wilbanks, Minnie Rogers, Debbie Burden, Phyllis Shipman, Yvonne Brown, Opal Wilbanks, and Thelma Headley.

All newly-elected officers were introduced to the convention. District Prayer Chairman led in a prayer of dedication as the congregation joined hands.

Convention guests enjoyed a lunch at Yen Ching Restaurant. Special music was given by Linda Johnson, and prayer by Mabel Willey. "Launching Out In Cuba" was shown.

June Rolen, President Kathy McClelland, Secretary

### CALIFORNIA STATE YOUTH CONFERENCE

April 24 & 25, 1981

THEME: "Keep Growing"
I Peter 2:2 and II Peter 3:18

The 1981 session of the California State Youth Conference convened on the campus of California Christian College, 4881 East University, Fresno, April 24 & 25, 1981.

The session began at 4:30 p.m. with singing the conference theme song "Read Your Bible, Pray Every Day", led by President Russ Stephens. Opening prayer was by Tom Bush and Vice President Phil Taylor gave his greeting and welcoming remarks to the conference officially bringing the session to order. President Stephens then read the convention theme "Keep Growing" taken from I Peter 2:2 and II Peter 3:18.

Motion carried to enter business. Letters were read by Sandra Dunn, acting for Corresponding Secretary Sandra Phillips. A motion was made by Tom Hunt to allow West Coast Association to compete in activities on the promise of a letter. Motion carried.

Committees were appointed as follows:

**RESOLUTION & PLACEMENT** 

Diane Phillips - Golden Gate

Tim Smith - Center

Vil Freimanis - West Coast

### **FINANCE**

Corky Montanez - Center

Tom Hunt - Golden Gate

Billy Alls - West Coast

### NOMINATING

Vilnis Freimanis - West Coast

Brenda Evans - Golden Gate

Lori Bush - Center

Competitive Activities began under the direction of Tom Bush. Those participating were as follows:

Bible Memorization — Jenny Koser, Mt. View; Scott Evans, Mt. View; Vickie Hunt, Mt. View.

Sword Drill - Tommy Hunt, Mt. View.

Tic-Tac-Toe - Mt. View.

A mock team was assembled for competition against Mt. View. The Mt. View team won the first game and match discontinued.

Music and Arts - Renee Polk, Mt. View, singing "Rise Again".

Richard Chastain, Oxnard, playing on the trombone "You Gave Me Love" accompanied by Kay Metcalf.

Tom Dean, Fresno, closed in prayer for the dinner break.

The evening service began at 7:30 p.m. with Jerry Dudley, Oklahoma, leading in prayer. The theme song and congregational singing was led by Mark Harrison, Fresno, Harmony. An offering was received with prayer given by Paul Kennedy, State Executive Secretary. Special music was provided by a quartet of Kay & John Metcalf and Keith & Debbie Burden. Becky Pettyjohn followed with her devotion illustrating the growth in a Christian life using V-8 juice and milk. The film "Super Christian" brought the message for the evening showing the need for growth in the Christian life. At the closing of the meeting, benediction was given by Tim Rolen, Fresno, Memorial.

### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The session began with prayer led by John Smith Jr., President of C.C.C. Business was called to order by President Stephens. Minutes were read and accepted with no corrections. Treasurer's report was read and accepted as information.

Committee reports were given as follows:

### RESOLUTION AND PLACEMENT

- 1. We resolve that the 1982 CTS Rally be held at the Harmony Free Will Baptist Church, Fresno.
  - 2. We resolve that C.C.C. be given a standing vote of thanks.

### **FINANCE**

- 1. We recommend that we pay our speaker, Keith Burden, \$25 to show our appreciation of his time and effort. Passed.
- 2. We recommend that we pay the registration fees for any competitors we may have at the National. Passed.
- 3. We recommend that we give a \$50 scholarship to a C.C.C. student chosen by the administration and faculty of the school. Passed.
- 4. We recommend that we buy trophies and medals for our state winners. Passed.

### NOMINATING

President - Narvell Hooks (Center)

Vice President - Vil Freimanis (West Coast)

Corresponding Secretary - Lori Bush (Center)

Recording Secretary - Sandra Dunn (Center)

Treasurer - Dianne Phillips (Golden Gate)

Song Director - To be appointed by President

Pianist - To be appointed by President

Activities Director - Tim Smith (Center)

Sponsors - Keith & Debbie Burden (Center)

Each office was voted on individually and each name submitted by the Nominating Committee was elected by acclamation.

Dismissed in prayer by Vilnis Freimanis, Baldwin Park.

Conference reconvened after a 20 minute break to present awards to competition winners. Congregational singing was led by Russ Stephens and accompanied by Brenda Evans, Mt. View. Tom Bush, Competitive Activities Director, announced the winners as follows:

Bible Memorization – Jennie Koser, 1st grade, Mt. View, medal Scott Evans, 2nd grade, Mt. View, medal Vickie Hunt, 3rd grade, Mt. View, medal

Sword Drill - Tommy Hunt, Mt. View, First Place:

Tic-Tac-Toe — Mt. View

Music and Arts – Richard Chastain, Oxnard - No. 1 rating

Prayer by Tom Hunt, Mt. View, began the morning worship service. John Metcalf, Oxnard, accompanied by Donna Van Horn, led the congregational singing. Special music was rendered by "Night Wind", an ensemble from Fresno, Memorial. Keith Burden, Fresno, Harmony, gave the morning message from I Peter 2:2 and II Peter 3:18, emphasizing that of all people, Peter was the best at growing and maturing.

Final business announcement was that the 1982 State CTS Fally will be held on April 23 & 24, 1982.

Closing benediction by Lonnie Rolen, Fresno, Memorial.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy 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 consititution for our better denominational government.

### ARTICLE I - NAME CONTROL OF THE RESIDENT

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:

- Moderator
   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 occuring on any board shall come by reason of:

- 1. Resignation. Any member of any board shall be allowed to resign at his pleasure except in cases where resignation would be to avoid discipline or an accounting of the stewardship of his office.
- 2. Death.
- 3. Dismissal. Members of boards may be dismissed by this association for unchristian conduct or conduct detrimental to the general welfare of this association. Any member who is declared out of fellowship or against whom charges of heresy or unchristian conduct are being pressed shall be suspended from active service on the board of which he is a member until the consummation of the charges made in the affiliated association by which he is disciplined. If found guilty of charges as described

above, he shall be dismissed from this board and his position shall be declared vacant.

- 4. Removal from the territorial bounds. Any member who unites with a church outside the territorial bounds of this association shall be considered automatically dismissed from membership on the board on which he serves. 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 auxilities and board of this association.
  - 2. He shall maintain order in all business sessions and allow full and free debate on all issues, but recognize no one or allow debate by any demonstrating an unchristian spirit.
  - 3. He shall serve as chairman of the General Board and Executive Committee.
- B. The Assistant Moderator. The assistant moderator shall be chosen by the majority vote of the delegates present and voting at the closing session of this association to serve a term of one year.
  - 1. He shall assist the moderator in all business sessions of this association.
  - 2. In the absence of the moderator, the assistant moderator shall become the moderator and be governed by the duties allotted to the moderator.
  - 3. The assistant moderator shall serve as parliamentarian at all sessions of this association.
- C. The Clerk/Treasurer. The clerk/treasurer shall be elected by the majority vote of the delegates present and voting at the closing session of this association to serve a term of one year.
  - 1. The clerk shall keep a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the association and have same printed in book form for distribution to all affiliated associations. The clerk shall also keep an accurate record of all officers' and committee meetings. The clerk shall keep all papers and documents of this association unless otherwise ordered and shall conduct all correspondence for the association.
  - 2. The clerk shall also serve as clerk of the General Board and the Executive Committee.

- 3. The treasurer shall receive and receipt all monies from whatever source contributions may be made and deposit same in a bank.
- 4. All bills and accounts owed by this association shall be paid by check drawn against the association account signed by the treasurer.
- 5. The treasurer shall give a report of all funds received and expended. The report shall be accompanied by an accurate balance sheet of approved standards of accounting.
- D. The Assistant Clerk/Treasurer. The assistant clerk/treasurer shall be elected by the majority vote of the delegates present and voting at the closing session of the association to serve a term of one year.
  - 1. The assistant clerk shall assist the clerk in recording the minutes of the proceedings and shall make himself available to assist in any of the labors of the clerk.
  - 2. In the absence of the clerk, the assistant shall become the clerk and the duties of the clerk shall then be applied to him.
- E. The Executive Secretary shall be elected for an indefinite term of office. Be it understood that upon acceptance of this position the Executive Secretary shall serve a minimum of six months, the sole exception being for reason of health. In the event of his resignation or termination of office by the General Board, he shall give or be given 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 until the next Regular Associational Meeting.

The executive secretary shall be responsible for the general promotion of all branches and departments of this association. It shall be his duty to promote the general welfare of this association with regular reports of the work made to the general membership of this body. It shall be his duty to work closely with the moderator in coordinating denominational efforts and making known by publication these efforts and their successes.

The executive secretary shall serve as treasurer of the cooperative plan of support and shall disburse the receipts as directed by this association. He shall make every effort to enlist all churches within the general framework of this association to support the cooperative plan of support with a tithe, and shall promote each department or agency of the association where designated offerings are needed or sought. All offerings received shall be forwarded to the agency to which they are directed.

He shall serve as managing editor of the *Voice* or other publication. He shall make periodic visits to each affiliated association and there inform them of the progress of the overall work of this association. Even though some other agencies may have executive secretaries, it shall be his duty to promote these agencies in the coordinated denominational effort.

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

member to serve on this board.

The general board shall have power to act in behalf of, and for, this association from one regular session to another. It shall be the duty of this board to make written reports of all its work to each annual session of this association. This board shall stand liable to this body for discipline or dimissal for actions contrary to the general policy and intent of this association and these Articles and By-Laws. No decision shall be rendered by this board that will affect this association which could normally be detained and decided by this body in session.

An executive committee consisting of nine members shall be selected from the general board. This committee shall be composed of the moderator, clerk/treasurer, executive secretary, and the six members representing the affiliated associations.

The duty of this committee shall be to act on all matters coming within the scope of the work of the board when said general board in not in session.

In cases of disputes from, or within, an affiliated association, this committee shall serve as a mediatorial committee. This committee shall have no dictatorial powers whatever, but shall mediate attempts to settle such disputes as may be referred to it. If a satisfactory settlement cannot be executed by mediation, the matter shall be referred to this body in session. In no case shall either the general board or the executive committee issue a verdict or edict that could or would supercede this association in its decision.

This committee shall hear all disputes or question of discipline, doctrine, or practice that may properly come before it from any of the bodies composing this association, or any appeal that may be made by any association, church or individual person which is a component part of this body. Said appeal shall have been made in writing and properly signed by the constituent body or bodies or person making such appeal from the lower to the higher body. This committee shall be limited to making recommendations to these affected parties and if not accepted by all concerned, shall refer the signed allegation to the general board, and if mediation proves unsuccessful shall in turn refer the signed allegation to this association for final action.

G. The Mission Board. The Mission Board shall be composed of 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 Outof-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

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.

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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 enterpises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **ARTICLES OF FAITH**

- 1. THE BIBLE. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.
- 2. GOD. There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the Scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, and obey.
- 3. CHRIST. Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Saviour and Lord.

- 4. THE HOLY SPIRIT. The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God.
- 5. THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD. God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of men requires.

6. THE SINFULNESS OF MAN. Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability, sin and become guilty before God.

7. THE WORK OF CHRIST. The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death, and resurrection effected for all a redemption from

sin that is full and free, and is the ground of salvation by faith.

- 8. THE TERMS OF SALVATION. The conditions of salvation are:
  1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith, the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin, and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.
- 9. ELECTION. God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of Salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.
- 10. FREEDOM OF THE WILL. The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish.
- 11. SALVATION FREE. God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.
- 12. PERSEVERANCE. All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.
- 13. GOSPEL ORDINANCES. BAPTISM, or the immersion of believers in water, and the LORD'S SUPPER, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel. FEET WASHING, an ordinance teaching humility, is of universal obligation, and is to be ministered to all true believers.
- 14. TITHING. God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel (Matt. 23:23), and the apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him" (I Cor. 26:2a).
- 15. THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH. The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works, and activities, and for personal communion with God.
- 16. RESURRECTION, JUDGMENT, AND FINAL RETRIBUTION. The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."