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Rev. John Smith, Jr., Host Pastor

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PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY EVENING SERVICES

THEME: "CONTINUE: IN THE FAITH" (Acts 14:22)

The Thirty-Ninth Annual Session of the California State Association of Free Will Baptists convened at Sherwood Forest Free Will Baptist Church, June 17-19, 1982. The convention was opened with a song "Have Faith In God" led by Bro. Bob McGill. Bro. Francis Boyle led the congregation in the opening prayer. "Higher Ground" and "My Faith Looks Up To Thee" were sung by the congregation. The meeting was called to order by Bro. Ron Young, State Clerk, reading Jude vs. 1-5 concerning the servant of God. Bro. Truman Huddleston, one of our Pioneer Preachers, led us in prayer. Moderator Richard Kennedy gave his Moderator's Remarks using I Samuel 17:28-30 - "Our cause and our purpose of meeting". Special music was provided by the El Sobrante Church Choir directed by Bro. Bob McGill singing "Have Faith in God", "Bethlehem, Galilee, Gethsement", "Alleluia". The El Sobrante Men's Quartet sang "Jesus Will Outshine Them All" and "Walk With Me". The Speaker of the Hour was introduced by Bro. Keith Burden, the Assistant Moderator. Bro. Lynn Wood, Pastor of the Garden Grove Church spoke on the theme of "Continue: To Preach the Word" using Acts 2:42-47 as his scripture. The Hymn of Invitation "Just As I Am" was sung by El Sobrante Trio. The appointment of the Committee on Committees was made as follows: Nuel Brown; Robert Riddle; J.L. McAlister; Mike Criswell; Dennis Cariker, Chairman. The prayer of benediction was prayed by Bro. Ron Wood.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The morning session was opened with congregational singing led by Bro. Bob McGill, "Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus". The opening prayer was led by Bro. E.B. Condit. The congregational singing continued singing "Higher Ground". Devotion and Prayer was given by Bro. Vernon Jones, Deacon from the Sherwood Forest Church. The devotional was taken from I John 1:1-7. Dr. Milburn Wilson, Host Pastor, welcomed us to El Sobrante with a hearty welcome. The letters from the six Associations were read by Clerk Ron Young. A motion and second was made to accept the letters as read and seat the delegates. Bro. Richard Kennedy, Moderator, recognized Dr. Melvin Worthington, National Exec. Secretary, and Bro. Lonnie McAlister from Oklahoma as visiting brethren. Report of the Committee on Committees was read with a motion and second to accept them as read. A motion and second was made that we elect the program committee from the floor.

Bro. Paul Kennedy, State Executive Secretary, gave a report on the activities of the State Office for the past year. (See Digest of Reports) A motion and second was made to accept the report as read. A motion and second was made to adjourn from the business until the 1:30 business time. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Adrian Condit.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK WORSHIP SERVICE

The services opened with congregational singing led by Bro. Bob McGill singing the hymn "Faith of Our Fathers", with prayer led by Bro. Claudie Hames. Hymns "I Will Serve Thee" and "I'll Be True, Lord Jesus" were sung by the congregation. Dr. Melvin Worthington was introduced as Speaker of the Hour by Assistant Moderator Bro. Keith Burden. Bro. Burden sang just before the message "Peace in the Midst of the Storm." Bro. Worthington spoke on the theme "Continue: To Prayer Much" using Acts 6:1-7 and I Thess. 5:17 as his scriptures.

Directions for lunch were given by the Host Pastor with a lunch provided by the host church to raise money for Bro. Jerry Webb's account. The worship service was dismissed in prayer by Moderator Richard Kennedy also praying the blessing on the meal.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon business session was opened with singing led by Bob McGill singing "Happiness Is" with prayer led by Bro. Dean Moore. The congregation continued singing hymn "Wonderful Peace."

Dr. Melvin Worthington, National Executive Secretary, gave a report from the various departments and organizations connected with the National Association.

Bro. Claudie Hames, National Home Mission Board Member, gave a report concerning the activities of that department in the last year.

Bro. Francis Boyle, Member of the National Board of Retirement and Insurance, gave a report on this office.

Mr. Jim Tucker, Western Regional Coordinator of the Association of Baptists for Scouting, gave a report to the body.

The Report of the General Board was read by Clerk Ron Young. Minutes of the June 1981 meeting, Executive Committee Report, and minutes of the meeting this year were all included in this report.

A motion and second to accept the report was made and vote on the four items of the board item by item.

1. Concerning the 10% raise and travel expense raise for the Executive Secretary were discussed. Motion carried.
2. Concerning the marital status of ministers was read and discussed. The Motion failed after much discussion.
3. Item three was deleted as a result of the defeat of item two.
4. The recommendation from San Joaquin Association concerning State Paid Employees be sent on to the resolution committee. Motion passed.

The recommendations of the various Associations concerning General Board Members was taken care of. The moderator and clerk would be filled after the election of officers. The following General Board Members will serve for the next year: Robert Riddle (West Coast); Claudie Hames (Southern); Nuel Brown (Center); Adrian Condit (San Joaquin); John Stutz (Northern); and Carl Young (Golden Gate). Chairman of the State Mission Board, and College Board of Trustees would be filled later.

Bro. John Smith, Jr. gave a report on the progress and work of California Christian College over the past year. A motion and second was made to accept it as information and accept the budget for 1983.

Dr. Milburn Wilson, Chairman of the State Mission Board, gave a report concerning the activities of the Board this last year. A motion and second was made to accept the report as information. A motion and second was made to adjourn with prayer led by Bro. Mike Criswell.

FRIDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

The moderator opened the services with the announcement that \$169.69 was raised by the ladies of the church at the lunch for the Jerry Webb account. Phil and Dovie Smith opened the services with special singing "Raised on Loving Jesus", "I Just Feel Like Something Good Is Going To Happen", and "The Family of God." Bro. Doice McAlister prayed the offertory prayer. An offering of \$358.00 was received for the Missionary deficit accounts. Bro. Bob McGill led the congregation in singing "Come Thou Fount." The Second Milers Quartet, formerly of California Christian College, ministered to us in special music. They sang: "Jesus Is Coming Soon", "Just a Little Talk with Jesus", "Who Am I?", "O, What He's Done for Me", "His Grace Reaches Me." Dr. Milburn Wilson introduced Bro. Bobby Jude, Home Missionary to Fairfield, as the Speaker of the Hour. Bro. Jude spoke on the subject "Continue: To Visit the Lost" from Matthew 9:35-38. The services were closed in prayer by Bro. Adrian Condit.

SATURDAY MORNING BUSINESS SESSION

The congregation was led in singing "O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" and "Higher Ground," with prayer led by Bro. John Wayne. A devotional was given by Rev. Jonathan Yandell, Pastor of the Tulare Church, on "Continue: To Study the Word."

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

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

The Nominating Committee report was read. A motion and second was made to vote on the officers later but elect the board members now. The following board positions were filled. C.C.C. Board of Trustees: Sherman Wren (Northern); J.L. McAlister (Southern); Carl Young (Member-at-Large). All of these elected to three year terms. Mission Board Members: Nuel Brown (Center); Lynn Wood (West Coast). These were elected to three year positions. Program Committee elected from the floor: Clinton Wood, Doice McAlister, John Redfern, with Bro. Paul Kennedy (Executive Secretary) as Chairman, and Bro. John Smith, Jr. as Host Pastor. (See Reports)

The Placement Committee report was read by the Clerk. A motion and second was made to accept the committee's report. (See Reports)

The Obituary Committee report was read. A motion and second was made to accept the report as read. (See Reports)

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

The Temperance Committee report was read by the clerk, Bro. Ron Young. A motion and second was made to accept the report. (See Reports)

The following were elected as delegates to the National Convention at Fort Worth, Texas in July: Walter Thedford, Thelma Headley, Helen Hames, Donna Smith, and Helen Albright.

A report from the Woman's Auxiliary was given by Sis. Phyllis Shipman. A motion and second was made to accept the report as information. (See Reports)

A report was given on the State C.T.S. by Bro. Narvel Hooks, State C.T.S. President. A motion and second was made to accept the report as information. (See Reports)

State C.T.S. Sponsor Bro. Keith Burden gave an informative report concerning the State C.T.S. Rally held last April in Fresno. A motion and second was made to accept the report as information.

A motion and second was made to adjourn until after the worship service.

SATURDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Congregational singing was led by Bro. Bob McGill leading us in "All Hail the Power" and "The Haven of Rest," with Prayer by Bro. E.B. Condit. A special offering of \$583.42 was received for C.C.C. Building Fund. Keith and Debbie Burden sang a medley of: "I Should Have Been Crucified", "If That Isn't Love." Sis. Burden then sang a solo, "We Shall Behold Him."

Assistant Moderator Bro. Keith Burden introduced the Speaker of the Hour, Bro. Joe Haas, Foreign Missionary to France. He read John 10:28 and II Timothy 2:2 as the text of his message "Continue: To Disciple the Convert." Bro. Haas led in a closing prayer for the Worship service, then turned it back to Moderator Richard Kennedy.

The Body was declared back into business to take care of the election of the Officers. The following officers were elected to serve for the next year. Richard Kennedy—Moderator; Keith Burden—Assistant Moderator; Ron Young—State Clerk; Jonathan Yandell—Assistant State Clerk. Bro. Kennedy thanked everyone for their cooperation and consideration during the meeting. A motion and second was made to adjourn until our meeting in June 1983. Benediction by Bro. Carl Young.



GENERAL BOARD REPORT

MINUTES – CALLED GENERAL BOARD MEETING - December 7, 1981

In the absence of Moderator Richard Kennedy and Assistant Moderator Keith Burden, State Clerk Ron Young called the session to order. He shared with us from Psalms 37:1-8 on the thought of "How to have victory in spite of despair." We were led in prayer by Bro. Claudie Hames. The Assistant Clerk, Wilburn Clark, became acting Clerk for the duration of the meeting.

The following Board Members were present: Ron Young (Acting Moderator); Wilburn Clark (Acting Clerk); Robert Riddle (West Coast); Claudie Hames (Southern); Nuel Brown (Center); Ron Wood (Golden Gate); Adrian Condit (San Joaquin); John Stutz (Northern); Milburn Wilson (Chairman State Mission Board); Carl Young (Chairman C.C.C. Trustees).

Bro. Paul Kennedy, our Executive Secretary, gave a report on the work and progress of the State Office.

1. Financial Report for the last 6 months.
2. Report on the *Voice* offering/subscription response (GOOD).
3. Overall church progress (reminded all of 200x2000).

A motion and second was made to accept the report as read.

The General Board discussed the possibility of a State Wide Ministers/Church Staff Insurance Plan. A motion and second was made to instruct Bro. Kennedy, our Executive Secretary, to proceed and implement (if possible) a state-wide plan.

Bro. John Smith, Jr. gave a report on California Christian College.

1. Building Program (Bold Venture status)
2. Student Body
3. Facility
4. Financial Report on the total program of the college

A motion and second was made to accept the report as read.

Dr. Milburn Wilson, Mission Board Chairman, gave a report on the work and progress of the State Mission Board.

1. Report on Stockton work
2. Report on Fairfield work
3. Report on Merced work (new work)
4. Report on California City (next priority for Board)
5. Report on Spanish works

A motion and second was made to accept the report as read.

The General Board discussed the new National Association dues of \$10.00 per church. A motion and second was made that each Association represent with \$10.00 per church at the State Meeting in 1982.

A motion and second was made that Bro. Ron Young, State Clerk, send a letter to each church, Assoc. Moderator and Clerk informing them of this change before the February meeting.

A motion and second that Bro. Paul Kennedy have several articles in the *Voice* concerning the \$10.00 per church National Representation Fee to further inform the people.

A letter from Golden Gate Association was read. The letter had four (4) recommendations concerning the Minister and Deacon and their status concerning marriage and divorce. (See Letter)

A motion and second was made to refer this matter to a special executive committee (Moderator, Assistant Moderator, State Clerk). They are to review this recommendation and bring a recommendation to the General Board Meeting in June at the State Association.

A motion and second was made to adjourn with prayer by Bro. Adrian Condit.

SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Clerk Ron Young sent a copy of the letter to all members of the executive committee for personal review.
2. On April 19th Moderator Richard Kennedy and Clerk Ron Young met during a State Mission Board Meeting and discussed the matter. (Bro. Keith Burden, Assistant Moderator, was contacted earlier by the Moderator and they discussed this matter in detail.)
3. On June 5th the Moderator and Clerk talked by phone and decided to recommend that we adopt the recommendation found in the minutes of the National Association, pages 84 & 85.

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BOARD MEETING

JUNE 17, 1982 - 3:00 P.M.

The General Board of the California State Association of Free Will Baptists met on June 17, 1982 at the Sherwood Forest F.W.B. Church in El Sobrante, California, the site of the 1982 State Association.

General Board Members present: Richard Kennedy (Moderator); Ron Young (State Clerk); Robert Riddle (West Coast); Claudie Hames (Southern); Nuel Brown (Center); Adrian Condit (San Joaquin); Ron Wood (Golden Gate); Dr. Milburn Wilson (Mission Board Chairman); Carl Young (C.C.C. Trustees Chairman).

The General Board was called to order by Richard Kennedy, Moderator, with Scripture reading from II Cor. 8:9-15. He led in Prayer and then spoke of the need for genuine concern for one another. Bro. Ron Young, State Clerk, read the minutes of the last meeting. The executive committee report was read concerning divorce and remarriage of ministers and was recommended for adoption. The report recommended we accept the resolution previously adopted by the National Association in 1976. Action was postponed by the board until later in the meeting.

Bro. Paul Kennedy gave a report on the activities of the State Office for the past year. (See Digest of Reports)

Bro. Kennedy also presented information concerning a statewide insurance plan which he had been looking into for some time (See Domino, Stability; and Keystone info.)

A motion and second was made to recommend a 10% cost of living raise for Bro. Kennedy based on his base salary of \$15,400 yearly, and raise his mileage reimbursement from 18 cents to 20 cents per mile.

Bro. Melvin Worthington, National Executive Secretary, gave a report and commended the Board and the State work for their progress and financial participation in the National work.

A motion and second was made to accept the Executive Committee's report concerning the adoption of the 1976 National Association recommendation concerning divorce and remarriage of ministers. (For exact wording, see resolution copy and addition.)

A motion and second was made to recommend that each association report to the State Association in the next year's letter concerning any action taken concerning adoption of the resolution concerning ministerial marital standards providing it is approved by the body.

A motion and second that the Executive Secretary make an official proposal and recommendation concerning a statewide insurance program after the completion of his study on the various options.

A motion and second was made to send the recommendation of the San Joaquin Association concerning the State paid employees and their eligibility to hold board positions to the body without recommendation or endorsement from the General Board.

The motion was amended to read that the General Board refer this matter directly to the resolution committee rather than to the floor of the State Association.

A motion and second was made that the State Clerk refer the matter of unpaid National Assoc. Representation fees to the Finance Committee for discussion.

A motion and second was made to adjourn for the day with Prayer by Bro. Ron Wood.



COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES - Robert Riddle, Chairman
Mike Criswell; Nuel Brown; J.L. McAlister; Dennis Cariker

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE - Doice McAlister, Chairman
Claudie Hames; Lynn Wood; Keith Burden; Bobby Jude

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Rex Shipman, Chairman
L.A. Yandell; Tim Rolen; Milburn Wilson; John Young

PUBLICATION COMMITTEE - Paul Kennedy, Chairman
Tom Hunt; Adrian Condit; E.B. Condit; Dennis Cariker

OBITUARY COMMITTEE - June Kennedy, Chairman
Louise Riddle; Dorthy Cluck; Debbie Burden; DeAnna McAlister

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE - Jonathan Yandell, Chairman
Francis Boyle; Stuart Oller; Clinton Wood; Bob McGill

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE - Mike Criswell, Chairman
Larry Evans; J.L. McAlister; Vernon Jones; John Smith, Jr.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - Cecil Spurlock, Chairman
Jay Constant; Sam Hensley; Charles Roam; John Redfern

PROGRAM COMMITTEE - Paul Kennedy, Chairman
John Smith, Jr., Host Pastor; Clinton Wood; Doice McAlister; John Redfern

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, the finance committee, recommend the following:

1. Association dues be increased for each member to \$1.00 for 1983.
2. Each church send \$.50 per copy per month for the *Voice*.
3. Each officer of the association, Moderator, Assistant Moderator, clerk, and assistant clerk to be given mileage @ \$.20 to the state association in addition to the honorarium.
Moderator: \$65.00 Assistant Moderator: \$45.00
Clerk: \$65.00 Assistant Clerk: \$45.00
4. The mission offering Friday evening be divided equally between Bro. Bobby Jude and Bro. Jerry Webb.
5. The State Association budget for the year 1983 be allocated as follows:

National Association	20%
C.C.C.	35%
California Missions	15%
State Office	30%
6. That each church send the required \$10.00 as a representation fee for the National Association. Delinquent churches be paid by the local Quarterly treasurer retroactive to the 1982 State Association.
7. Offering for C.C.C. be taken Saturday morning for building completion program.

PUBLICATION COMMITTEE

1. Seven hundred (700) minutes of the California State Association Meeting be printed and distributed.
2. The *Voice* continue to be distributed to the churches by bulk mail and an invoice be sent each quarter. This invoice being a request that fifty cents (\$.50) 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.
6. Each association and quarterly meeting use Randall House forms for quarterly and yearly reports.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Golden Gate:

Spring Church, Salinas - Bertha May Teague, Claudia Staten
Salinas 1st - Della Holt
Concord Church - Andy Carson
Antioch Church - Taylor Cantrell, Sr.
Sherwood Forest Church - Martie Becker, Jack Kirkland
Richmond Church - Jackie Norris

West Coast:

Gladys Collier, Alma Johns

Southern:

Gene Rowlett, Bro. Evans, Bro. Woody

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

We recommend that we accept the invitation of California Christian College to host the 1983 session of the California State Association. The Association to convene June 16, 17, 18, 1983.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We recommend the adoption of the 1981 report on pages 14, 15 & 16 of the 38th Annual Session of the California State Association of Free Will Baptists Minutes.

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.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

We, the resolution committee recommend the following:

1. That we give the Host Church a standing vote of thanks for their fine hospitality at this State Association.
2. That we send to the National Association in July a resolution stating our position on the wine issue now being discussed in our Denomination.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We place in nomination:

STATE OFFICERS

Moderator — Richard Kennedy (S.J.)
Assistant Moderator — Keith Burden (Center)
State Clerk — Ron Young (Southern)
Assistant Clerk — Jonathan Yandell (Southern)

CCC BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Sherman Wren (Northern)
J.L. McAlister (Southern)
Carl Young (At-Large)

STATE MISSION BOARD

Nuel Brown (Center)
Lynn Wood (West Coast)

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STATISTICAL REPORTS FROM ALL AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS

<i>Association</i>	<i>Center</i>	<i>Golden Gate</i>	<i>Northern</i>	<i>San Joaquin Valley</i>	<i>Southern</i>	<i>West Coast</i>	<i>Total</i>
Churches	11	13	9	10	17	17	80
Membership	786	833	213	651	1124	616	4223
Members Gained	100	118	26	49	144	143	580
Members Lost	43	107	28	79	262	83	602
Ordained Ministers	20	18	16	22	33	22	131
Licensed Ministers	6	8	0	6	6	8	34
Deacons	31	29	19	23	37	21	160
Sunday School Enrollment	689	1328	283	502	1575	695	5110
Average Attendance	533	998	265	500	1455	644	4737
Women's Aux. Enrollment	65	79	17	21	101	75	293
Master's Men Enrollment	11	8	0	0	14	20	53
Prayer Meetings	11	13	9	10	17	17	80
Parsonages	3	6	1	5	9	7	31
Value of Churches and Parsonages	\$1,453,000	\$1,803,864	\$550,000	\$780,000	\$2,596,000	\$1,789,000	\$8,971,000

<i>Association</i>	<i>Center</i>	<i>Golden Gate</i>	<i>Northern</i>	<i>San Joaquin Valley</i>	<i>Southern</i>	<i>West Coast</i>	<i>Total</i>
Total Income	\$369,653	\$329,147	\$40,754.00	\$146,633	\$310,941	\$318,664	\$1,515,492
Total Local Expenditures	\$321,658	\$205,635	\$35,819.00	\$135,977	\$254,830	\$298,169	\$1,221,108
Outside Giving	\$ 9,634	\$ 16,046	—	\$ 5,518	\$ 14,859	\$ 16,056	\$ 62,113
Cooperative Plan							
National Executive Office	—	\$ 125	—	—	—	—	\$ 125
Foreign Missions	\$ 3,002	\$ 17,589	—	\$ 445	\$ 4,766	\$ 25,038	\$ 50,804
National Home Missions & Church Extension	\$ 1,122	\$ 21,806	—	\$ 254	\$ 14,345	\$ 20,175	\$ 57,702
Retirement and Insurance Board	\$ 1,097	—	—	—	\$ 480	—	\$ 1,577
Other National Ministries	—	\$ 1,253	—	\$ 672	\$ 288	—	\$ 2,213
District or State Ministries	\$ 4,473	\$ 5,857	—	\$ 535	\$ 3,389	—	\$ 14,254
Other Causes	\$ 3,312	\$ 73,056	—	\$ 7,500	\$ 2,360	—	\$ 86,228
Total Outside Giving	\$ 22,764	\$ 76,488	—	\$ 14,382	\$ 52,488	\$ 23,725	\$ 190,247

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

April 2-3, 1982 — Memorial Free Will Baptist Church
4141 North Millbrook Avenue, Fresno, California

THEME: "THE EYES HAVE IT!"

FRIDAY EVENING

The Thirty-Fourth Session of California State Woman's Auxiliary Convention met at the Memorial Free Will Baptist Church in Fresno, California, April 2-3, 1982 with President June Rolen presiding.

Preceding the evening service was a Spanish dinner, organized and served by the ladies of Memorial Church.

The service opened with the congregation singing "Jesus Is All The World To Me" directed by Donna Van Horn, Memorial. Donna Flannery, Modesto, served as convention pianist, and Donna Smith, Harmony, as organist. Prayer was by the Reverend Lynn Wood, pastor of the Garden Grove Free Will Baptist Church. Special music was presented by Sandra Dunn and Angela Maynard, students at California Christian College, singing "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus."

President June Rolen introduced the speaker, Dr. Mary Ruth Wisheart, chairperson of the English and Speech Department at Free Will Baptist Bible College and field worker for the WNAC. Dr. Wisheart spoke on "Eyes Around the World."

The president introduced two former state officers visiting at the convention—past president Joyce Horner (Washington), and past treasurer Nora Hampton (Texas).

Workshops relating to the convention theme were conducted by the following:

Eyes on the World	Betty Watson
Eyes on the Community	Wilmatine Yandell
Eyes on the Church	Winnie McLain
Eyes on "I".	Donna Smith

Workshop groups joined together for "Where Are Your Eyes?" as individuals reflected on each topic.

The following committees were appointed by the president:

REGISTRATION	CREDENTIALS	FINANCE
Kathy McClelland *	Betty Watson *	Phyllis Fite *
Lois Miller	Sheryl Vanderburg	Minnie Lacefield
Naomi Casteel	Raynell Hernandez	Virginia Humphreys
Joanne Taylor	Gwen Coughran	Carol Bechere
Gail Sharp	Barbara Otwell	Winnie Yandell
Pam Hatwig		Barbara Childers

*Chairperson

RESOLUTION

Emma Puett *

Juanita Wood

Brenda Trigg

Helen Albright

Doris Wilson

Joanne Wood

* Chairperson

PLACEMENT

Evelyn Smith *

Yolanda Peaslee

Sue Davis

Ruth Walker

Diane Yandell

Louise Riddle

APPRECIATION

Phyllis Shipman *

Sadie Brosi

Rita Stutz

Sue McGill

Mildred Metcalf

Gertrude Cantrell

The president dismissed the session with prayer, inviting guests to the multi-purpose room where refreshments were served.

SATURDAY MORNING

The session was called to order by President Rolen, and the congregation sang "Can the World See Jesus in You?" followed with prayer by Cindy Vandivort, Garden Grove. The congregation sang "My Faith Looks Up to Thee."

Lydeen York, Memorial, welcomed guests to the convention. Representatives from each district were given standing recognition.

The combined statistical report of Center, Golden Gate, Northern, Southern, and West Coast Districts was accepted as read. A request was made for more complete information from Golden Gate and West Coast to be received before the state secretary's report is sent to the national office.

The report of the treasurer was accepted as read. The report of the state field worker, Phyllis Shipman, was received as information. Chairman Winnie McLain gave the report of the Student Loan Fund, and the committee's recommendations were read and accepted as follows.

We, the Student Loan Committee, recommend the following:

1. That the Student Loan Fund be placed in charge of the Financial Aid Office of California Christian College and applications and loans be processed through the Financial Aid Office with final approval being given by the Student Loan Committee. The Financial Aid Office will have charge of the collection of loans.
2. That two persons from the Financial Aid Office and two members of the Student Loan Committee sign on the account.
3. That the Student Loan Committee be composed of three members after expiration of terms of two members.
4. That auxiliary contributions to the fund be sent to the state auxiliary treasurer who will then send them to the Financial Aid Office.
5. That the rules and regulations of the Student Loan Fund be revised as needed to meet the above requirements.

The report of the ninth annual women's retreat, "Changepoints", held October 15-17, 1981 at Emerald Cove, Bass Lake, California, was given in the form of "echoes" from Carolyn Redfearn, Modesto, and Sue McGill, Sherwood Forest.

The following were appointed as delegates to the 1982 National Convention in Fort Worth, Texas: Helen Albright, Lucille Brown, Yvonne Brown, Pam Hatwig, June Kennedy, Deanna McAlister, Winnie McLain, Carolyn Redfearn, Lori Rolen, Donna Smith, Evelyn Smith, Judy Ward, Diane Yandell, Wilmatine Yandell.

A letter from Cleo Pursell, WNAC Executive Secretary, was read.

The duties of auxiliary officers were described by state officers in a game of "To Tell the Truth," while a panel attempted to match the duties mentioned with the correct auxiliary office.

The Reverend Doice McAlister, Turlock, dismissed in prayer. After break time, the convention reconvened singing "All For Jesus," followed with prayer led by Barbara Otwell, Santa Paula.

The report of the Registration Committee was read and accepted as follows: Total Registered - 186; Center - 68; Golden Gate - 32; Northern - 7; Southern - 40; West Coast - 20; Visitors and Ministers - 19.

The Credentials Committee reported that Center, Golden Gate, Northern, Southern, and West Coast Districts were all represented and reports accepted with additional information requested where needed.

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

We recommend 1) That the state convention pay the state field worker 20 cents per mile traveling expenses; 2) That each local auxiliary consider having a project to raise money to send to Missionary Ken Eagleton to enable him to attend his son's wedding in June.

The following report of the Finance Committee was read and accepted: We recommend 1) That dues be \$2.50 per member (\$1.50 for WNAC and \$1.00 for state); 2) That \$463 travel expenses and an honorarium in the amount of \$100 be given to the guest speaker, Dr. Mary Ruth Wisheart.

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

The next convention will meet at the Free Will Baptist Church of Modesto, 225 E. Orangeburg, Modesto, California, April 8-9, 1983.

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

We wish to express our appreciation to the host auxiliary for the banquet, for their preparation for the convention, and for their hospitality throughout the convention. We appreciate the women who prepared the banquet, the decorations, and the unique flower arrangement. We appreciate Evelyn Smith for making the delicious Friendship Cake. We appreciate the women who prepared for the workshops and the women of Harmony who made the name tags. We appreciate all the women who provided the music, for the Hanford women who made the banner, and the Kerman women for the luscious doughnuts at break. We appreciate all the work by the Executive Committee to plan the meeting, and Mary Ruth Wisheart for her time spent in preparation and travel to be the speaker.

The worship service began with the congregation singing "I Saw the Cross of Jesus," followed with prayer by Dottie Wright, Harmony. A trio, Connie Bomar, Sandi Jones, and Donna Van Horn, sang "When We See Him" and the convention offering was received. An ensemble from Center District sang "Battle Hymn of the Republic," and then the trio sang "Spend Your Life Looking to Jesus."

Dr. Mary Ruth Wisheart spoke on "The Eyes . . ." speaking of the eyes of Christians being turned in the right direction (I Thessalonians 1:5-9). The congregation sang "Open My Eyes That I May See" as a hymn of consecration.

A poem written by Bertha Griffin, Sherwood Forest, about the convention was shared with convention guests.

The president presented a pinata to each of two women who traveled furthest for the convention—Jeannette Holder, Petaluma (from the north), and Joanne Wood, Garden Grove (from the south).

The convention came to a close, and guests were dismissed in prayer.

— June Rolen, President
Sheryl Vanderburg, Secretary



CALIFORNIA STATE YOUTH CONFERENCE

April 23 & 24, 1982

THEME: EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT
WITNESSING BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK (I Tim. 4:12)

The 1982 session of the California State Youth Conference convened on the campus of California Christian College, April 23 & 24, 1982. The session was opened in prayer by John Smith, President C.C.C. Congregation sang "I Have Decided To Follow Jesus" led by Keith Burden, accompanied by Debbie Burden.

President Narvell Hooks gave the welcome and announced the order of the service. Seminars took up the first portion of the service. The seminars were held by:

Dennis Cariker — How To Be a Witness to Unsaved Family

Richard Kennedy — Among Peers

Charles Merchant — Youth Workers Resource

Jonathan Thigpen — In Your Local Church

The seminars lasted 15 minutes each. After a short break the congregation reassembled for the evening service. The Stockton Youth Choir sang "I Have a Peace in My Heart," and "I Keep Falling in Love with Him." The evening message was brought by the conference key-note speaker, Jonathan Thigpen, using Acts 1:8. The benediction was given by Keith Burden.

After service activities were held with games and fellowship.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The Saturday morning session was opened in prayer by Duane Sanders, Fresno, Tim Smith presiding. A devotion was given by Narvell Hooks.

Announcements were given by Tim Smith and directions were given for the competitive activities. Those participating were as follows:

Bible Memorization Christopher Wright, grade 2, Harmony
 Scott Evans, grade 3, Mt. View

Sword Drill Heather Meier, Mt. View

Tic Tac Toe Memorial, Fresno

Music & Arts Andrea Barron, Jr. Adv., Keyboard, Harmony
 April Kennedy, Jr. Adv., Vocal Solo, Stockton
 Dawn Anderson, Crusader, Vocal Solo, Stockton
 Debbie Quinett, Crusader, Oral Comm., Stockton
 Linda Robinson, Crusader, Oral Comm., Stockton

After a short break the morning worship service began. Opening singing was led by Keith Burden. Special music was provided by the CCC trio. The morning session was given by Jonathan Thigpen using Psalm 37:1-5.

Motion carried to enter business. Minutes of the last meeting were read by Sandra Dunn and accepted as read. Financial report was given by Dianne Phillips (\$16.36). Motion carried to accept report as read.

Presentation of awards was done by Keith Burden, Sponsor. Registration report was also given by Keith Burden, reporting that total registration was 202 which is the largest registration for several years.

The State Youth Conference officers were recognized and commended for their participation in making this conference one of the best ever.

Motion carried to adjourn business. Meeting adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Dunn, Recording Secretary
California State Youth Conference, 1982*



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."