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PROCEEDINGS

Thursday Evening Services

Theme: "Chosen: To Please Him" (II Timothy 2:4)

The Fortieth Annual Session of the California State Association of Free Will Baptists convened at California Christian College, June 16, 17, 18, 1983. The service was opened with the convention hymn "To God Be the Glory" led by Bro. Bob MacGill. Bro. Claudie Hames led the congregation in the opening prayer. The singing continued with "All Hail the Power" and "Come, Thou Fount." Bro. MacGill introduced the State Clerk, Rev. Ron Young. Bro. Young read from I Cor. 15:52-58, and Bro. Riley Haskins led in prayer. The State Clerk called the 40th Annual Session of the California State Association of Free Will Baptists to order and introduced Moderator Richard Kennedy. Bro. Kennedy read I Cor. 16:9 and spoke briefly on "The open door God has placed before us" as a State Association. He closed his remarks with prayer for greater commitment to the task ahead. Bro. Bob MacGill introduced the Hanford Quartet from the Hanford F.W.B. Church that presented the special music.

Rev. James O'Donnell, Dean of C.C.C. and acting Assistant Moderator, read the convention theme II Tim. 2:1-4 and lead us in prayer. He introduced Rev. Richard Kennedy, Pastor of Northside F.W.B. Church of Stockton to bring the keynote message. Bro. Kennedy read Psalms 133:1 as the text of his message entitled "Uniting: To Please Him." At the close of this timely message Bro. Kennedy led us in Prayer. Bro. Ron Young, State Clerk, announced the members of the Committee on Committees: Francis Boyle, Chairman; Claudie Hames; E.B. Condit; John Redfern; and Charles Roam. The Committee was instructed to meet after service and choose all committee members and bring a report to the morning business meeting. Service was closed in prayer by Bro. John Young.

Friday Morning Business Session — 9:30 a.m.

Bro. Bob MacGill opened the session by leading the congregation in singing the chorus "His Name is Wonderful." Rev. Carl Young led in Prayer. The congregation also sang "Redeemed" and "Glory to His Name." Moderator Richard Kennedy introduced Rev. Lonnie Rolen, Pastor of the Memorial F.W.B. Church of Fresno, who brought the devotion entitled "Worshipping: To Please Him." He read John 4:23-24 as his text and closed in prayer. Bro. John Smith, Jr., President of California Christian College welcomed the delegates and briefly acquainted us with the facilities. Letters from the Six Associations, that make up the State Association, were read by the clerk, Ron Young. A motion and second was made to receive the letters and seat the delegates. The moderator recognized Bro. Don Robirds from the National Foreign Missions Department as a visiting brethren. Bro. Joel Kircher, new pastor at Harmony Church in Fresno, and Bro. Bill McCarty, new pastor at the Salinas 1st Church, were welcomed to our state. The Moderator led the congregation in singing "Amazing Grace" and a short time of fellowship was enjoyed. The report of the

Committee on Committees was Read (see Committee Reports) and a motion and second was made to accept the Report.

State Executive Secretary, Paul Kennedy, gave a report on the State Office for the past year (See Digest of Reports). He reported 38 churches participating in giving through the Co-Op plan for 1982-83. He also reported the *Voice* was self-supporting for the first time. He reported 48 pastor changes in the past 24 months in our "80" churches. He also reported the following churches without pastors: Chula Vista, Dorris, Pleasant Hill, and Mt. View. He announced a state wide insurance program through Blue Cross and offered information to those who wanted it. He reported receiving \$6,200.00 for the Walk-A-Thon in addition to the \$22,054.52 listed in the Digest of Reports, and projected a total of about \$40,000.00 through the Walk-A-Thon. The report on the State Office itself showed a deficit of \$1,200.00 in the operating expenses. Bro. Kennedy spoke briefly concerning the already adopted 200x2000 program, reading Ezekiel 33:31-33 and encouraged a renewed support of the program to reach the goals. A motion and second was made to accept this report. Business was adjourned until the afternoon session with prayer by Moderator Richard Kennedy.

Friday Morning Worship Services — 11:00 a.m.

The Friday Morning Worship Service was called to order by Bro. Bob MacGill leading the congregation in the convention Hymn "To God Be the Glory" with prayer by Bro. John Young. The singing continued with "Whiter Than Snow" and "Lord lay some soul upon my heart." Bro. Cliff Williamson from the Sacramento, Capitol Church, shared in special music, "The Lily of the Valley" and "Make Me an Instrument." Moderator Richard Kennedy introduced the Speaker of the Hour, Bro. Dean Moore, Pastor of the Lincoln Avenue F.W.B. Church of Richmond. Bro. Moore read as his text II Timothy 4:1-4 and spoke on the subject "Preaching: To Please Him." The message was closed in prayer by Bro. Richard Kennedy. The service was concluded in prayer by Bro. Bob MacGill.

Friday Afternoon Business Session — 1:30 p.m.

Bro. Bob MacGill opened the session leading the congregation in singing "The Solid Rock." Bro. Vernon Jones led in prayer. The congregation continued singing "When I survey the wondrous Cross." Moderator Richard Kennedy opened the business session by calling for reports from various National Representatives. Bro. Don Robirds reported on the work of the National Foreign Mission Dept. Bro. Jerry Webb and family, recently returned from France, briefly greeted the congregation and thanked them for their support and prayers. Bro. Claudie Hames, National Home Missions board member, shared a report from the National Home Missions Dept. (See Reports) Bro. Francis Boyle, member of the Board of Retirement and Insurance, reported on the activities of the Dept. during the past year. (See Reports) Bro. Paul Kennedy shared a brief report from Dr. Melvin Worthington, National Executive Secretary, concerning California's giving to the National Co-Op program, and encouraged the adoption of the

"Contact" Family Plan. The report also included an encouragement to work for denominational unity and a report on the giving of California to the various departments, commissions, and auxiliaries of the National Association. (See Reports)

The General Board Report was read by clerk, Ron Young. This report included minutes of the December 1982 Meeting of the Board and the June 16, 1983 meeting. A motion and second was made to accept the report. (See Reports)

Bro. John Smith, President of California Christian College, reported on the activities of the Bible College in the past year. (See Digest of Reports pages 11-14) A motion and second was made to accept the report.

Dr. Milburn Wilson, Chairman of the California State Mission Board, reported on the meetings and activities of the State Mission Board for the past year. (See Digest of Reports pages 7-10) A motion and second was made to accept the report.

After a brief time of announcements and prayer requests, the Business session was adjourned until Saturday Morning at 9:00 a.m. with a reminder of the evening service at 7:00 p.m. The session closed with prayer by Moderator Richard Kennedy.

Friday Evening Worship Service - 7:30 p.m.

The Evening Service was opened with the convention hymn "To God Be the Glory" led by convention Music Director Bro. Bob MacGill. Bro. Larry Condit led the congregation in an opening prayer. Bro. Richard Kennedy introduced Dr. Milburn Wilson, Chairman of the Mission Board who recognized the former and present Missionaries in the services. An offering was received for missions which came to \$349.50. Bro. MacGill led the congregation in singing "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone." The congregation concluded their singing with the chorus "Set My Soul Afire." Special music was provided by the Choir from the Harmony F.W.B. Church of Fresno under the direction of Bro. Stanley Barron. They sang "Redemption Draweth Nigh," and "Worthy Is The Lamb." Sister Mary Moore sang "Five Rows Back." Bro. James O'Donnell, Assistant Moderator, introduced Rev. Edward "Butch" Johns, Pastor of the Shafter F.W.B. Church, Shafter. He spoke on the theme "Serving: To Please Him," using as his text I Thess. 4:1-12. After necessary announcements, the service was closed in a prayer of dedication and recommitment by Bro. Don Robirds

Saturday Morning Business Session — 9:00 a.m.

The morning session began with our convention Hymn "To God Be the Glory," by Bro. Bob MacGill. Singing continued with "Oh, How I Love Jesus." Moderator Richard Kennedy introduced: Bro. Don Robirds, Dr. Milburn Wilson, John Smith, Jr., and Bro. Paul Kennedy. These men were involved in a panel discussion concerning the future of the various ministries they represent both on the State and Denominational level.

Moderator Richard Kennedy declared the body back in business to take care of the various committee reports and other business.

The Finance Committee's 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 Placement Committee's report was read (see Committee Reports) with a motion and second to accept the report.

The Nominating Committee's report was read (see Committee Reports) with a motion and second to accept the report.

The Resolutions Committee Report was read (see Committee Reports) with a motion and second made to accept the report and vote on them item by item.

The Obituary Committee's report was read (see Committee Reports) with a motion and second to accept the report and vote on them item by item.

The Temperance Committee's Report was read (see Committee Reports) with a motion and second to accept the report.

The Publication Committee's Report was read (see Committee Reports) with a motion and second made to accept the report and vote on them item by item.

The Program Committee elected from the floor was: Bro. Paul Kennedy, State Executive Secretary; Bro. John Smith, Jr., Host Pastor; Bro. Claudie Hames (Southern); Bro. Larry Condit (San Joaquin); and Bro. Tim Rolen (Center).

The Delegates to the National Association in Columbus, Ohio elected from the floor were: Pam Wood, Nora McCarty, June Rolen, Helen Hames, and Donna Smith.

A report from the State Women's Auxiliary Convention was given by President June Rolen. A motion and second was made to accept the report as information.

A report was given on the State Youth Conference by Sponsor Stan Gullotto. A motion and second was made to accept the report as information.

A motion and second was made to elect the General Board Member to the National Association for the next two years. Bro. Doice McAlister, the present Board member was elected to represent for the next two years.

Moderator Richard Kennedy opened the floor for any new business. A motion and second was made to accept the following resolution: "Because of the prayer and planning of the Program Committee, and the lack of comfort of facilities, and the abuse of the privilege of giving a board report—Therefore, be it resolved; That all persons giving reports to this body confine themselves to giving the report and refrain from preaching in due respect to those chosen to bring God's Message to this body."

The letter to the National Association was summarized by Clerk Ron Young and the letter was accepted by the body to be sent to the National.

Saturday Morning Worship Services — 11:00 a.m.

The worship service opened with Bro. Bob MacGill leading us in singing "Lift Him Up." An offering was received for California Christian College to help with the expenses of the State Meeting. The offering came to a total of \$192.25. The song service continued with singing "My Wonderful

Lord." Bro. J.R. Overman sang "He's Alive." Just before the message, Bro. Bob Taylor sang "I'd Rather Have Jesus." The morning message was brought by the Assistant Clerk, Bro. Jonathan Yandell, Pastor of the Tulare F.W.B. Church. Bro. Yandell preached on "Discipling: To Please Him" using Matthew 28:18 as his text.

Bro. Ron Young, State Clerk, reported the offerings of the convention were as follows: Missions offering—\$349.50 and the C.C.C. offering of \$192.25.

A brief report on the work in Lancaster was given by Pastor Ron Young with special thanks for all the faithful support and prayers over the past year.

The Nominating Committee report for the state officers was read and a motion and second was made to accept the report and act on them on an office by office basis.

Moderator—Lynn Wood (West Coast), Elected

Assistant Moderator—James O'Donnell (Center), Elected

State Clerk—Ronald Young (Southern), Elected

Assistant State Clerk—Jonathan Yandell (Southern), Elected

Bro. Lynn Wood resigned as a State Mission Board Member from the West Coast Association. A motion and second was made to receive the resignation. A motion and second was made to refer back to the West Coast Association the responsibility of filling this spot on the board. A motion and second was made that the College Board of Trustees be instructed by this body to conduct a survey of every pastor of our churches of California, compile that information and report back to the General Board at their December Meeting. The General Board in co-operation with the Board of Trustees, evaluate the survey and submit a report with a recommendation to this body at the 1984 State Association Meeting. A motion and second was made to adjourn until we meet in June of 1984. Our meeting was closed in Prayer by Bro. E.B. Condit.

GENERAL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Called General Board Meeting — December 6, 1982

The meeting was called to order by Bro. Keith Burden, Assistant Moderator (in the absence of Moderator Richard Kennedy). Bro. Burden opened the meeting by reading I Corinthians 10:13, speaking on "Hanging In there and Being Faithful." Bro. Paul Kennedy, State Executive Secretary, led in the opening prayer.

The board members present were: Bro. Paul Cole (West Coast); Claudie Hames (Southern); Carl Young (Golden Gate); Milburn Wilson (Chairman, State Mission Board); Robert Riddle (Chairman C.C.C. Board of Trustees); Keith Burden (Acting Moderator); Ron Young, State Clerk; and Paul Kennedy, Executive Secretary.

A report on the state office was given by Paul Kennedy, Executive Secretary.

1. Financial report for 5 months of 1982 (July - November).

2. *Voice* self supporting for the first time in its history. The cost of the *Voice* is \$5.00 per year per issue.
3. Report on Churches — 2 Churches without pastors: Antioch and Baldwin Park (Pray for them.)
4. Insurance Plan - Blue Cross. Individual plans for each person or family now available through the State Office.
5. State Missions — Fairfield Property; Modesto Spanish Work; Lancaster Mission; Merced Work, Paul Webb.

A motion and second was made to accept this report as information.

A Report from California Christian College by Bro. John Smith, Jr., President.

1. Finances of the school are down. Necessary to cut teachers and faculty \$200.00 per month in housing, 20% cut in salaries.
2. Student Body — 30 full time students. Next year looks good.
3. Good response from state — work on buildings and quarterly meeting.
4. \$1,500.00 per month more income needed to bring back cuts in salaries and housing allowances.

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

A Report from the State Mission Board was given by Chairman Bro. Milburn Wilson.

1. Stockton, Northside — Self supporting as of October 1st.
2. Fairfield Mission — Things going well but slow, property in excellent location, running in the 30's, 6 solid families.
3. Lancaster — Work moving along, looking for property, will have first Anniversary in April.
4. Rosemead — Self Supporting
5. Modesto (Spanish Speaking) — Property has been mortgaged by the other Church for \$30,000.00. Wants the State Mission Board to buy the property. Bro. Wilson asked for advise from board. A motion and second was made to give the Mission Board the power to do whatever is necessary to acquire the money to keep the property.

A motion and second was made to adjourn until the June Meeting.

General Board Meeting Minutes — June 16, 1983, 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Richard Kennedy using I Corinthians 16:9 to develop the theme, "an open door is waiting." Bro. Kennedy led us in an opening prayer.

Moderator Kennedy announced the selection of Bro. Jim O'Donnell (Dean of Students at C.C.C.) to serve as Assistant Moderator for this session in the absence of Keith Burden who moved out of state.

Minutes of the December Board Meeting were read by State Clerk, Ron Young, with a motion and second to accept the report. (See General Board Minutes)

Bro. Paul Kennedy, State Executive Secretary, gave a report on the activities of the State Office for the past year. (See Digest of Reports, pgs. 1-6) He reported the *Voice* is now self-supporting for the first time in its history even with a surplus of over \$800.00. Concerning the 200x2000 program he reported little progress but urged renewed commitment to the

program. He reported 38 churches giving to the Co-Op program and encouraged further support of this ministry. He also reported 48 pastoral changes in the past 24 months. He also reported 5 churches without pastors: Norwalk, Dorris, Mt. View, Pleasant Hill, and Chula Vista.

He reported on the State Insurance program through Blue Cross and offered information to anyone requesting it.

A motion and second was made to direct the attention of the Finance Committee to the deficit of the State Office and ask them to consider a solution to the deficit balance.

A motion and second was made that the Executive Committee of the General Board study the lack of Co-Op support statewide and report back to the Board in December.

Dr. Milburn Wilson, State Mission Board Chairman, reported on the State Mission Board work during the past year. (See Digest of Reports, pgs. 7-10)

John Smith, Jr., President of California Christian College, reported on the activities of the college in the past year. (See Digest of Reports, pgs. 11-14). He also presented the proposed budget for the '83-'84 school year and reported on the financial status of the college. A motion and second was made to accept this as information and adopt the budget.

A letter from Dr. Melvin Worthington, National Executive Secretary, concerning California's contributions to the National Co-Op program and designated giving was summarized by Bro. Paul Kennedy.

A motion and second was made to designate August as California Christian College Month and a special emphasis made on special giving during that month.

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



COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES - Francis Boyle, Chairman
Claudie Hames, E.B. Condit, John H. Redfern, Charles P. Roam

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE - Edward Johns, Chairman
Adrian Condit, James O'Donnell, Billy McCarty, J.L. McAlister

FINANCE COMMITTEE - E.B. Condit, Chairman
Doice McAlister, John Stutz, Jr., Paul Cole, Larry Davis

PUBLICATION COMMITTEE - Paul Kennedy, Chairman
Rex Shipman, Ed Hyatt, L.A. Yandell, Riley Haskins

OBITUARY COMMITTEE - Phyllis Shipman, Chairman
Zelma Cole, Susan Barron, Carlyn Redfearn, June Kennedy

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE - Dean Moore, Chairman
Jonathan Yandell, Clinton Wood, Larry Condit, Francis Boyle

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE - Robert Riddle, Chairman

John Young, Charles Roam, Jim Ward, Shelby Farmer

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - Lynn Wood, Chairman

Carl Young, Milburn Wilson, Nuel Brown, Jay Constant

PROGRAM COMMITTEE - Paul Kennedy, Chairman

John Smith, Jr., Host Pastor; Claudie Hames, Larry Condit, Tim Rolen

Finance Committee

1. The Executive Secretary recommend to the General Board the amount needed for dues to the state and National Association, and the General Board act on this recommendation at the mid-year meeting of the General Board. The recommendation is that the dues remain the same as this year \$1.00 per member and that a study be made and brought back to the State Meeting in 1984.
2. That the General Board consider a program of closing the books from various departments on the same date.
3. The State Association budget for the year of 1983-84 be allocated as follows:

National Association	20%
C.C.C.	35%
California Missions	15%
State Office	30%
4. We recommend that Bro. Jim O'Donnell be paid the Assistant Moderator fee for this meeting.
5. We recommend an offering be taken for C.C.C. during the Worship Service today to help with the expenses of the Association.
We recommend that next year an offering be taken for C.C.C. at the Thursday Night Worship Service and an offering for California State Missions be taken at the Friday Night Missions Service.

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.

Resolution Committee

We submit the following resolutions for your consideration:

1. Be it resolved that if any ordained minister should choose to divorce and remarry while holding credentials issued by Free Will Baptists, the following action should be taken.
 - A. He shall be asked to give up the ordination papers issued him in good faith by the denomination, returning them to the body that issued them.
 - B. If he refuses to return the ordination papers they shall be declared null and void and the State of California notified of such action.

None of the fore mentioned actions are retroactive in any way but are meant to start from here.

If a Minister who divorces chooses to remain single he may retain his papers with no questions asked.

2. Be it resolved that we give California Christian College a Standing Vote of thanks for the Christian Hospitality shown during this meeting.

Placement Committee

The Placement Committee recommends that the State Association meet at California Christian College for the 1984 session, June 14, 15, 16, 1984.

Nominating Committee

We place in nomination:

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 Fred Humphreys (Northern)

Obituary Committee

The following list are the names of Brothers and Sisters in Christ that have gone Home to be with the Lord during the past year.

GOLDEN GATE: *Antioch* - Bro. Marvin Melton; *Concord* - Bro. John T. Neal; *Greenfield* - Sister Molly Ward, Bro. Alberto Urquidez; *Newark* - Sister Debbie Lacy; *Richmond* - Sister Ellie Pearson, Sister Mary Vaughn; *Salinas, First* - Sister Anna Lawson; *Sherwood Forest* - Bro. Bruce Browning, Sister Annie Lowrance.

SOUTHERN #1: *Exeter* - Pop King; *Corcoran* - Leon Yarborough; *Farmersville* - Sister Opel Robinson; *Tulare* - Bro. Fry; *Demaree* - Sister Nina Jeter; *Lindsay* - Rev. Orville Woolery

SOUTHERN #2: *Bakersfield, South Union* - Owen Lykins

WEST COAST: *Chula Vista* - Sister Alma Johns; *Santa Paula* - Dora Jones; *Garden Grove* - Sallie Dunn, Gladys Collier; *South Gate* - Olivia Flores

CENTER: *Kerman* - Clara Johnston, Iris Pittman; *Fresno, Memorial* - Glenn Byas, Howard York, Sam Winters

SAN JOAQUIN: *Modesto* - Fred Camren, Bro. Perry; *Turlock* - Sis. Jones, Ralph Groves; *Hughson* - Rev. George Ramsey; *Chowchilla* - Betty Wood, Sis. Forster

Temperance Committee

We recommend the adoption of the 1982 report on pages 14, 15, 16, of the 39th Annual Session of the California State Association of Free Will Baptists.

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, obedience to the parents.

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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	10	14	9	10	17	17	80
Membership	832	895	221	873	1201	825	4924
Members Gained	105	153	45	146	177	183	808
Members Lost	40	59	30	19	153	79	390
Ordained Ministers	21	20	17	23	30	24	132
Licensed Ministers	5	13	—	10	5	9	42
Deacons	31	34	23	29	38	21	176
Sunday School Enrollment	832	1338	295	829	1848	781	5805
Average Attendance	625	941	243	719	1646	723	4897
Women's Aux. Enrollment	65	100	33	—	39	23	365
Master's Men Enrollment	11	28	—	—	—	19	58
Prayer Meetings	10	14	—	10	17	8	33
Parsonages	3	7	2	5	9		
Value of Churches and Parsonages	\$1,550,400	\$7,936,008	\$2,369,600	\$2,123,800	\$3,110,000	\$1,850,000	\$15,638,400

<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	\$375,450.	\$456,098.00	\$76,620.00	\$292,481.29	\$554,485.97	\$425,380.00	\$2,161,259.47
Total Local Expenditures	\$315,640.	\$341,035.00	\$36,046.00	\$100,074.77	\$390,386.95	\$375,090.24	\$1,375,090.24
Outside Giving	\$ 10,450.	\$ 85,727.00	\$ 4,261.00	\$ 4,839.34	\$ 14,502.94	\$ 16,350.00	\$ 60,695.71
Cooperative Plan							
National Executive Office	—	\$ 1,512.00	—	—	—	—	\$ 1,512.00
Foreign Missions	\$ 4,450.	\$ 23,512.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 5,812.10	\$ 18,450.00	\$ 53,374.00
National Home Missions & Church Extension	\$ 2,225.	\$ 18,071.12	\$ 7,320.00	\$ 2,785.25	\$ 16,034.38	\$ 13,375.00	\$ 43,421.00
Retirement and Insurance Board	\$ 1,250.	—	—	—	\$ 712.97	—	\$ 1,971.97
Other National Ministries	—	—	\$ 24.00	—	—	—	\$ 24.00
District or State Ministries	\$ 5,495.	\$ 4,555.00	\$ 417.00	\$ 990.00	\$ 712.00	\$ 995.00	\$ 12,169.00
Other Causes	\$ 4,350.	\$ 13,168.17	\$ 23,899.00	90.59	\$ 2,644.39	\$ 10,121.00	\$ 54,223.15
Total Outside Giving	\$ 28,220.	\$ 85,727.83	\$ 40,875.00	\$ 8,982.85	\$ 43,670.50	\$ 44,121.00	\$ 218,774.45

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

April 8-9, 1983

Modesto Free Will Baptist Church
225 East Orangeburg
Modesto, California

THEME: "GIVE YOURSELF AWAY"

Musicians: Donna Van Horn, Memorial, Director
Donna Flanery, Modesto
Barbara Otwell, Santa Paula
Brenda Patrick, Memorial
Cindy Vandivort, Garden Grove
Deanna Wilbanks, Harmony

Friday Evening

The Thirty-Fifth Session of California State Woman's Auxiliary Convention met April 8-9, 1983 at the Modesto Free Will Baptist Church. June Rolen, Memorial, presided and Vice President Betty Watson, Visalia, headed the registration committee.

The service began with a welcome to the convention by President Rolen. The congregation sang the theme song, "Love in Action." Sarah Mayhew, Mt. Vernon, Illinois, led in prayer.

"Let Me Go," a playlet, was performed by the Garden Grove Auxiliary, and convention guests were dismissed to attend the following workshops led by state officers.

Hand Ministry and Collecting	Evelyn Smith
Heart Ministry	Donna Smith
Missionaries	Phyllis Shipman
Soul Winning	Emma Puett
Stewardship	Betty Watson
Talents	Phyllis Fite

Following workshops, the groups reconvened to sing the hymn "Take My Life and Let It Be." Nora McCarty, Salinas, led in prayer. The Modesto Auxiliary presented the playlet "Gifts for God's Servants," and directed by Roger Flanery, sang "This is the Time I Must Sing" and "The Healer."

The president introduced the speaker, Mrs. Eunice Edwards, who spoke on each person's responsibility to God to give her/himself away.

The invitational hymn was "I Gave My Life for Thee," and the closing prayer was by Goldie Priest, Phoenix, Arizona.

The hosting auxiliary provided coffee and donuts after service.

Saturday Morning

The session was called to order by President Rolen and the congregation sang "Love in Action" and "I Love You With the Love of the Lord." Nora McCarty prayed the invocation.

Lorene Vos, Modesto, extended a welcome to guests. The president recognized each district present at the convention. The congregation sang "I Would Be True," followed by a playlet entitled "Eternal Friendship" performed by the Demaree auxiliary.

The following committees were appointed by the president:

REGISTRATION

Betty Watson, Chairperson
Lori Rolen
Ruth Walker
JoAnn Taylor
Frances Taylor
Verla Fletcher

CREDENTIALS

Sheryl Vanderburg, Chairperson
Debbie Fox
Donna Flanery
Virginia Humphreys
Diane Yandell
Barbara Otwell

FINANCE

Phyllis Fite, Chairperson
Minnie Lacefield
Deborah Wren
Helen Albright
Wilmatine Yandell
Cindy Vandivort

RESOLUTION

Evelyn Smith, Chairperson
Lois Miller
Sue Kuykendall
Gail Aranda
Mildred Metcalf
Gertrude Cantrell

PLACEMENT

Phyllis Shipman, Chairperson
Juanita Wood
Virginia Stewart
Mary Moore
Marguerite Busby
Deloris Steven

APPRECIATION

Donna Smith, Chairperson
Connie Bomar
Rita Stutz
Debbie Fiez
Nina Richardson
Eva Conn

A motion carried to accept the nominating committee as follows (one member was sent from each district):

Debe Taylor	Center
Ruth Walker	Golden Gate
Rita Stutz	Northern
Betty Watson	Southern
Barbara Otwell	West Coast

The combined district statistical report of the secretary was received as information, as was the treasurer's district statistical report. The treasurer's report was accepted as read.

JoAnn Wood, Garden Grove, reflected on the 1982 Women's retreat, "How to Fail Successfully." A report on the 1983 retreat was given by June Rolen.

Winnie McLain, Memorial, gave the report of the Student Loan Committee. The recommendation from the Executive Committee that Nora

McCarty serve on the National Nominating Committee from California was approved.

The following will serve as delegates to the 1983 WNAC in Columbus, Ohio; Nora McCarty, Donna Smith, JoAnn Wood. The president has the power to appoint any other delegates who may be able to attend the WNAC.

President Rolen reported that the state auxiliary's stove project for CCC has raised over \$3,000. Prayer by the president dismissed the convention for brunch served by the host auxiliary.

Following brunch, the congregation sang "J-O-Y", "Shine," "Love in Action," and "Sing Hallelujah to the Lord." Oretha Hamlin, Sherwood Forest, led in prayer.

The report of the Registration Committee was read and accepted as follows: Total Registered—191; Center—42; Golden Gate—64; Northern—16; Southern—28; West Coast—18; Visitors—18; Ministers—5.

The Credentials Committee reported that Center, Golden Gate, Northern, Southern, and West Coast districts were all represented and reports accepted.

There was no report from the Resolution Committee.

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 \$400 travel expenses and an honorarium in the amount of \$250 be given to the guest speaker, Mrs. Eunice Edwards.

The Placement Committee reported three invitations for the 1984 convention. The body voted to meet at Garden Grove on April 6-7, 1984.

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

We wish to express our appreciation to the Modesto Auxiliary for hosting the 1983 convention, for their preparation, gracious hospitality, and the delicious brunch. Thank you, ladies, for the lovely lavender color scheme carried throughout the sanctuary, the banners, and brunch table-settings. A special appreciation to Pat Cunningham for the welcome sign and banners.

We appreciate the women of Demaree, Garden Grove, and Modesto auxiliaries who presented the playlets and Debe Taylor who presented the reading.

We appreciate Lori Rolen for making the calligraphic love reminders.

We also appreciate the Executive Committee and the workshop leaders for their preparation toward the success of this year's meeting.

We will long remember our speaker, Eunice Edwards. We appreciate the long distance she traveled to be with us. We also appreciate the time she spent in preparing her messages and the handout sheet of discussion questions. Thank you for sharing with us in California.

A letter of greetings was read from Cleo Pursell, National Executive Secretary-Treasurer, as well as a letter from the National Home Missions Department requesting our continued work with home missionaries. Winnie McLain, Memorial, prayed regarding these letters.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read and the following were elected officers for 1983-85:

President (209) 229-2203	June Rolen 2913 E. Northdale Fresno, CA 93726
Vice-President (209) 732-7856	Betty Watson 4415 Damsen Lane Visalia, CA 93277
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Treasurer (714) 495-5616	Phyllis Fite 26622 Las Tunas Drive Mission Viejo, CA 92692
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Member at Large (408) 757-8828	Nora McCarty 1140 Green Street Salinas, CA 93905
Member at Large (714) 537-0208	JoAnn Wood 8802 Lampson Garden Grove, CA 92641
Field Worker (408) 259-5698	Phyllis Shipman 1254 San Moritz Drive San Jose, CA 95132

President Rolen presented the new officers and prayed for the dedication of these officers during the coming term.

Worship time began with the singing of "Here Am I; Send Me." During the offering, a dramatic presentation focusing on monetary giving to missions was performed by Debe Taylor, Harmony.

Donna Van Horn sang "Ordinary People" just before the message. Mrs. Edwards spoke on looking for things needing to be done—and giving one's self away by starting "where you are." The song "Take the Time" was sung during the invitation and the convention was closed with the congregation singing the chorus of "Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place."

— June Rolen, President

— Sheryl Vanderburg, Secretary

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CALIFORNIA STATE YOUTH CONFERENCE

April 22 & 23, 1983

THEME: "The Other Side of Leadership"

Matthew 20:26b

The 1983 session of the California State Youth Conference convened on the campus of California Christian College, April 22 & 23, 1983, Narvell Hooks presiding. The session began at 8:00 p.m. with singing led by Bruce Wood. Opening prayer was given by C.C.C. President, John B. Smith, Jr.

A mini concert was given by the Harmony Ensemble. The evening message was given by Bro. Greg McAlister, keynote speaker from Farmington, Missouri.

A time of fellowship and refreshments followed the Friday evening service. During this time, the adult sponsors had a brief get acquainted meeting in which the adults were asked to give their view and wishes as to where they would like to see the Youth Conference go, Jonathan Yandell presiding.

After the fellowship time the session reconvened for the after service activities. A group of young people from C.C.C. presented a puppet show on the Prodigal Son. This was followed by more songs from the Harmony Ensemble.

Placement of homes was provided by the Fresno area churches. The service was dismissed in prayer by Tim Rolen.

Saturday Morning Session

Saturday morning began with a seminar on "Developing Leadership in Your Youth." given by Greg McAlister. Approximately 25-30 adults attending.

Competitive Activities began at 10:00 a.m. with Sandra Dunn as the coordinator. Participants were limited and all young people were encouraged to participate in next year's competitive activities. Those participating were as follows:

Bible Memorization — Christopher Wright, Harmony

Sword Drill — Christie Wright, Harmony

Music and Arts — April Kennedy, vocal solo, Northside

— Todd Frank, vocal solo, Northside

Oral Communication — Linda Robinson, speech, Northside FWB

Creative Drawing — Jeremy Gullotto, Campbell

The Saturday morning worship service began with Roger Flanery directing singing. Greg McAlister brought the morning message.

Winners of the competitive activities were announced by Sandra Dunn. Winners were as follows:

Bible Memorization — Christopher Wright, Third Grade

Harmony FWB, Fresno, CA; medal

Music & Arts — April Kennedy, vocal solo

Northside FWB, Stockton, CA; #2 rating

Music & Arts – Todd Frank, vocal solo
Northside FWB, Stockton, CA; #2 rating
Oral Communication – Linda Robinson, Speech
Northside FWB, Stockton, CA; #1 rating
Creative Drawing – Jeremy Gullotto, Campbell FWB
#2 rating

The business session was opened by President Narvell Hooks. A special thanks was given to all those who participated in this year's youth conference.

Minutes of the 1982 Youth Conference were read by secretary Sandra Dunn. Minutes were accepted as read.

Treasurer's report was given by treasurer Dianne Phillips. Treasury balance was \$61.16.

Registration report was given; 203 registered.

New officers for the conference were elected and are as follows:

President	William Coburn, Modesto
Vice President	Todd Frank, Northside
Recording Secretary . . .	Sandra Dunn, Harmony
Corr. Secretary	Debbie Quinnett, Northside
Treasurer	Denise Cooper, Campbell
Comp. Act. Director . . .	Vil Freimanis, Baldwin Park
Adult Sponsor	Stan Gullotto, Campbell

Motion made that Mike Harris, Vilnis Freimanis, and Peter Peaslee serve as a committee with Stan Gullotto as chairman.

The next meeting is set for April 20 & 21 at California Christian College, Fresno, California.

Motion made to adjourn. Meeting dismissed in prayer by Jim O'Donnell.

Respectively submitted,
Sandra Dunn
Recording Secretary
California State Youth Conference 1983



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 auxiliities 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 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."