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## **PROCEEDINGS**

### **Thursday Evening Services - 7:30 p.m.**

#### **Theme: "Let Us Rise Up and Build" - Nehemiah 2:18**

The Forty-first Annual Session of the California State Association of Free Will Baptists convened at California Christian College June 14, 15, 16, 1984. The services were opened by Music Director Bro. Joe Cutler, Youth Director of the Sherwood Forest F.W.B. Church of El Sobrante, leading the congregation in singing "The Sweetest Name I Know." Bro. Archie Mayhew led the congregation in the opening prayer. Singing continued by the congregation singing "Victory in Jesus."

State Clerk Rev. Ron Young shared a brief devotional thought from Rev. 1:9-10 and called on Rev. Jerry Dudley of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist Bible College of Moore, Oklahoma to lead in prayer. Bro. Young then officially called the meeting to order and introduced the State Moderator Rev. Lynn Wood.

Moderator Wood shared some remarks from Exodus 16:32-36 and then led us in prayer.

Bro. Joel Kircher, Pastor of the Harmony Church in Fresno, introduced the Crownsmen Quartet from F.W.B.B.C. in Nashville, Tennessee who sang "Just A Little Walk With Jesus."

The Harmony Church Choir from Fresno shared special music singing "Majesty" and "How Majestic is Your Name." Donna Van Horn and Bruce Wood sang "Jesus Never Fails."

An offering of \$111.06 was received for C.C.C.

Moderator Lynn Wood recognized the visiting Brethren, including Frank Breeden and the Crownsmen Quartet from F.W.B.B.C.; Dr. Melvin Worthington, National Executive Secretary; Rev. Jerry Dudley from Hillsdale College; National Home Missions Director Rev. Roy Thomas; and Home Missionary Mike Criswell from Eugene, Oregon.

The Moderator then introduced the evening speaker Rev. Claudie Hames, Pastor of the First F.W.B. Church of Bakersfield. He read Neh. 2:11-20 and Matt. 16:13-20 as a text and spoke on the subject "Why I Must Build the Church."

State Clerk Ron Young announced the appointment of the Committee on Committees as follows: Carl Young, Chairman; John Redfearn; Nuel Brown; Edward Johns; Francis Boyle.

Moderator Lynn Wood announced the death of Arthur Billows, former Home Missionary to Mexico. Dr. Milburn Wilson dismissed the body in prayer remembering the Billows Family.

### **Friday Morning Business Session - 9:30 a.m.**

Music Director Joe Cutler led the congregation in singing "Jesus Saves" to open the services. Rev. Sam Hensley, Missionary to Fairfield, led the congregation in prayer.

Bro. Joe Cutler introduced Bro. Paul Cole of the Santa Paula F.W.B. Church who brought the morning devotion on the subject "Building for

Christ" from Nehemiah 2:18. He closed the devotion with prayer.

Rev. John Smith, Jr., President of California Christian College gave a hearty welcome to all in attendance to Fresno.

Moderator Lynn Wood recognized Clerk Ron Young for the reading of the Letters from the Six Associations of the State Association. A motion and second was made to accept these letters and seat the delegates.

Moderator Lynn Wood recognized the visiting brethren present as: Rev. Roy Thomas, Director of Home Missions; Dr. Melvin Worthington, National Executive Secretary; Bro. Frank Breeden and the Crownsmen Quartet from F.W.B.B.C. of Nashvill; Bro. Jerry Dudley from Hillsdale College, Moore, Oklahoma; and introduced Bro. Mike Criswell, Home Missionary to Eugene, Oregon. Bro. Criswell gave a brief report on the work in Eugene with a special thanks for the continued faithful support of California F.W.B.

Clerk Ron Young read the report of the Committee on Committees (See Committee Reports). A motion and second was made to accept the report.

State Executive Secretary Paul Kennedy gave his report on the work of the State Office for the past year (See Digest of Reports).

Bro. Kennedy reported a record amount of receipts and disbursements of \$205,808.31 for the year of June 1, 1983 to May 31, 1984, and a balance of \$1,953.22 in the State Office. He gave a heart felt thanks to the pastors, churches and delegates for their continued financial support and prayers for the work of the State Office and State Executive Secretary. A motion and second was made to receive the report.

Dr. Melvin Worthington, National Executive Secretary, reported from the National Executive office thanking the State Association for its "consistent and sacrificial" support of all the national ministries. He encouraged support for the co-op program from each church. He reported record hotel reservations for the National Convention in Little Rock, Arkansas in July. He also reported that the National Magazine *Contact* finished the year in the black for the first time in several years. Again, Bro. Worthington thanked California for the total of \$150,250.67 in the past year to the total National program (See Digest of Reports page 14).

This report was received as general information by the voting body.

The congregation was dismissed for the break before the Morning Worship Service by Rev. Orville Thurman.

### **Friday Morning Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.**

Bro. Joe Cutler, Music Director, opened the services leading the congregation in singing "How Firm a Foundation." He then introduced the Crownsmen Quartet from F.W.B.B.C. who sang "Farther Along."

Bro. Jim O'Donnell, Assistant Moderator, announced committee meeting places, evening Missionary Offering, and the moving of the afternoon business session to the College Chapel. He introduced Bro. Joe Cutler, Music Director, who ministered in special music singing "Because He Lives."

Bro. O'Donnell, Assistant Moderator, led in prayer and introduced Rev. Lonnie Rolen, Pastor of the Memorial F.W.B. Church of Fresno as the



Morning Speaker. Bro. Rolen read from Isaiah 28:16 and I Peter 2:1-8 and preached on the subject, "Building on the Secure Foundation."

Assistant Moderator Bro. O'Donnell announced all the committee meeting places and Bro. Archie Mayhew dismissed us in prayer.

### **Friday Afternoon Business Session - 1:30 p.m.**

Moderator Lynn Wood opened the session by leading the congregation in singing "Oh How I Love Jesus." Rev. Billy McCarty led us in the opening prayer.

The Moderator recognized Rev. Neil Moore, a pioneer in F.W.B. work who shared a brief testimony.

Bro. Frank Breeden reported on F.W.B.B.C. Nashville (See Digest of Reports). He reported on the Graduate School, California giving to the college, and the quelling of the controversy of recent years surrounding the college.

Rev. Roy Thomas, Director of the National Home Missions Department reported on the activities of the Department in the past year (See Digest of Reports). He reported on the placement of Missionaries in Portland, Oregon; Rapid City, S.D.; Mexico City, Mexico; Windsor, Ontario, Canada. He reported 21 evangelism conferences to be held, including one in California at Bakersfield on December 3-4, 1984. He also reported the following information about "Roll-Call-Sunday" held on March 25, 1984.

In California six Associations reported representing 79 churches with a total attendance of 6,718 in Sunday School for a per church average of 85.03.

Nationally, 209 Associations reported totalling 2,583 churches with a total attendance of 196,046 in Sunday School for a per church average of 75.89.

He also reported California gifts to Home Missions of over \$42,000.00 this past year. He also encouraged California F.W.B. to pray with him for Missionaries to go to Washington and Nevada.

Rev. Jerry Dudley representing Hillsdale College of Oklahoma gave a report on the school. He pledged the support for their college for C.C.C. and spoke for school President Edwin Wade, in offering any help they could give. He reported plans for a new \$600,000.00 building with a present enrollment of 175 in the school.

Rev. Francis Boyle, member of the National Board of Retirement and Insurance, reported for the board. The report covered the retirement program and the F.W.B. Foundation.

Clerk Ron Young read the General Board Report (See Reports). A motion and second was made to accept the report and adopt the recommendations made by the board.

Nominations were opened for a representative to be recommended to serve on the Foreign Mission Board. Bro. Archie Mayhew, Pastor of Santa Paula was elected.

Nominations were opened for a recommendation for a representative to serve on the Sunday School and C.T.S. Board. Dr. Milburn Wilson, Pastor of the Sherwood Forest F.W.B. Church in El Sobrante, was elected.

A Youth (State) Conference Committee was recommended to be elected to work with the officers of the State Youth Conference. The following were elected to serve on this committee: Joel Kircher, Joe Cutler, and Richard Kennedy.

A motion and second was made to allow the moderator to appoint a committee to head up the planning of the Men's Retreat. The following were appointed: all the State Association Officers; Associational Moderators; and the State Executive Secretary to serve as this Committee.

Rev. Francis Boyle, Chairman of the C.C.C. Board of Trustees, reported on the progress of the College (See Digest of Reports p. 11-13). Rev. John Smith, Jr., president of the College, also spoke concerning the College and presented the proposed budget for the "84-85" Year. A motion and second was made to receive the report and adopt the budget for the coming year. Moderator Lynn Wood asked Bro. Jerry Dudley to lead the congregation in a prayer of thanksgiving for the debt free campus at C.C.C.

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

Bro. Paul Kennedy spoke on behalf of the National Laymen's Board concerning the Master's Men Organization (See Digest of Reports p. 31-33)

A motion and second was made to adjourn until the Saturday Morning Business Session. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Carl Young.

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

The evening services were opened by Bro. Joe Cutler, Music Director, who led the congregation in singing "Blessed Assurance." Bro. Vernon Jones led in the opening prayer. The singing continued by the congregation singing "Amazing Grace." Dr. Milburn Wilson, State Mission Board Chairman, recognized Rev. and Mrs. Patterson visiting from Indiana. The Evening Missionary Offering was received after prayer by Bro. Wilson. Bro. Joe Cutler introduced the Crownsmen Quartet who sang "I'd Rather Be an Old Time Christian" and "I Still Love You Lord." Dr. Wilson introduced Rev. Roy Thomas, Director of the National Home Missions Department, to bring the evening message. Bro. Thomas read from Nehemiah 1:1-6; 2:4-8; 4:6; 6:15 and spoke on the topic "Building Through Missions Outreach." Assistant Moderator Jim O'Donnell made brief announcements. Bro. Roy Thomas dismissed in a prayer of commitment and dedication to a great outreach ministry.

### **Saturday Morning Business Session - 9:00 a.m.**

Music Director Joe Cutler led the congregation in singing "Stand Up for Jesus." Rev. John Hibbard led the congregation in prayer.

Moderator Lynn Wood introduced Dr. Melvin Worthington who shared a devotional thought from Matthew 28:18-20 and Acts 1:8 and led in prayer.

The Moderator introduced Rev. Jerry Webb and Rev. Archie Mayhew, both former Foreign Missionaries now pastoring in California, who thanked the State for the past support of their accounts.



A motion and second was made to re-elect all the General Board Members from each Association by acclamation.

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

The Placement Committee Report was read by the clerk (See Committee Reports). A motion and second was made to accept the invitation of the Memorial F.W.B. Church of Fresno to host the 1985 State Meeting. A motion and second was made for the State Officers to make up the committee to oversee the fund raising project for the air conditioning and comfortable seating for the C.C.C. Auditorium.

The Obituary Committee Report was read by the clerk (See Committee Reports). A motion and second was made to accept the report and have a moment of silent prayer to remember those who have gone on to be with the Lord.

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

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

A motion and second was made that the California State Association of F.W.B. send a letter of commendation to President Ronald Reagan for his stand against abortion as outlined in his new book "Abortion: The Conscience of the Nation." It was also decided that the Executive Secretary send this letter on the State Letter Head.

The Nominating Committee Report was read by the clerk (See Committee Reports). The committee nominated the following to be the 3 year men on the C.C.C. Board of Trustees: Bro. Vernon Jones (Golden Gate); Bro. Bob Wilbanks (Center); Rev. Jonathan Yandell (Member-At-Large). All of these were elected to serve on this board.

Sister June Rolen, State Women's Auxiliary President gave a report on the State Women's Auxiliary Convention (See State Women's Auxiliary Report). A motion and second was made to accept this as information.

Bro. Stan Gullato, State Youth Conference Sponsor, reported on the State Youth Conference. A motion and second was made to accept this report as information.

Nominations were opened for delegates to National Convention to be held in Little Rock, Arkansas in July. The following were elected by acclamation: Fred Session, June Kennedy, Nora McCarty, Helen Hames, Sarah Mayhew were elected. June Rolen, Paul Cole, and Diane Cox were chosen as alternate delegates to the National.

The letter to the National Association was read by Clerk Ron Young with a motion and second to receive the report and send the letter to the National with appropriate representation fees.

Nominations were opened for members of the Program Committee.

The following were elected to serve: Robert Riddle (Southern); Doice McAlister (San Joaquin); Larry Condit (San Joaquin).

A motion and second was made that the Executive Secretary and the Host Pastor serve as standing members of the Program Committee.

The remainder of the Nominating Committee Report was read and the following action taken:

State Mission Board Members (3 year men): Edward Johns (Southern); Cecil Thurman (Northern).

State Association Officers: Moderator, Lynn Wood (West Coast); Assistant Moderator, Jim O'Donnell (Center); State Clerk, Ron Young (West Coast); Assistant Clerk, John Wayne (Golden Gate).

A motion and second was made to adjourn until the 1985 meeting and to begin the worship service immediately.

### **Saturday Morning Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.**

The services were opened with the congregation singing "Send the Light," led by Music Director Joe Cutler. We were led in prayer by Bro. Sam Hensley, Missionary to Fairfield. Bro. Jonathan Yandell, Assistant Clerk, was in charge of the services and introduced the Crownsmen Quartet who sang, "I'm Kind of Homesick for a City." Bro. Roger Flannery also sang a solo, "It is Finished." The morning message was brought by Rev. Charles Roam, Pastor of the Selma F.W.B. Church. Bro. Roam preached on the thought of "Rise Up and Build Using the Proper Materials." He used Matthew 28:18-20 for the text and used the thoughts "Building" and "Proper".

The services were turned back to Bro. Lynn Wood, Moderator, for his closing remarks of the Association. We were dismissed in the final closing prayer by Dr. Milburn Wilson. See you in "85" ...

## **GENERAL BOARD MEETING REPORT**

### **Called General Board Meeting - December 5, 1983**

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Lynn Wood who shared a devotional thought from I Kings 19:5 on God's restoration of Elijah and his ministry during a period of great discouragement. Bro. Doice McAlister led in an opening prayer. Clerk Ron Young read the role of the General Board (See Minutes under General Board) with all present, except Billy McCarty sitting in for Carl Young (Golden Gate) and Doice McAlister sitting in for Adrian Condit (San Joaquin). A motion and second was made that these be seated for this Board Meeting.

Moderator Lynn Wood turned the meeting over to Bro. Paul Kennedy, State Executive Secretary, who gave the following report on the State Office for the past six months.

#### **1. Financial Report.**

A. Co-op giving on a gradual decline.

B. Walk-A-Thon 1983 total: \$35,320.94.

C. Project 117: \$1,072.16.

D. Lancaster Land Fund: \$1,300.75

#### **2. Eight churches without pastors (Dorris, Chula Vista, Ceres, Exeter,**



Madera, Rodeo, Mt. View, Pleasant Hill).

3. Presented a Proposed Promotion Calendar for 1984.

4. A four year look at the State Office income and expenses.

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

California Christian College Board of Trustees Chairman Francis Boyle presented a report from the college as follows.

1. A brief report and summary of the recent Board of Trustees Meetings.

2. Report on the meeting with the State Pastors at C.C.C.

3. Student Body Report.

4. Financial Outlook Report.

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

Moderator Lynn Wood gave a report on the proposed California F.W.B. Men's Retreat January 26-27, 1984 from the Executive Committee.

A motion and second was made to give complete General Board support to the program proposed by the Executive Committee.

A motion and second was made to accept the proposed 1984 promotion calendar recommended by the Executive Secretary.

Dr. Milburn Wilson, Chairman of the California State Missions Board gave the following report.

1. Report of the State Missions Conference.

2. Fairfield Work: Resignation of Bobby Jude. Sam Hensley replacing him.

3. Lancaster Work.

4. Selma Property; still remains unsold.

5. Walk-A-Thon 1983 and the proposed Walk-A-Thon 1984.

6. Report on the Modesto Spanish Work.

7. Bell Gardens Spanish Work self-supporting.

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

Clerk Ron Young gave a brief report on the State officers executive committee meeting, Men's Retreat plans, lack of Co-op support.

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

A motion and second was made to adjourn with a closing prayer by Bro. Nuel Brown.

## **General Board Meeting**

**Thursday, June 14, 1984 - 3:00 p.m.**

The board meeting was called to order by Clerk Ron Young reading the roll of the General Board with all members present. There were also 15 visitors present. Moderator Lynn Wood gave a short devotional from our theme scripture Nehemiah 2:18. Prayer was led by Bro. Nuel Brown of the Kerman F.W.B. Church.

Visitors were invited to sit in an advisory capacity during the time of the meeting. The Moderator read a tentative agenda for the meeting that was accepted by a motion and second of the voting body.

Clerk Ron Young read the minutes of the previous General Board Meeting held in Bakersfield on December 5, 1983. A motion and second was made to accept the minutes as read.

State Executive Secretary Paul Kennedy reported on the State Office activities for the past year.

1. The financial receipts and disbursements from June 1, 1983 to May 31, 1984 (See Digest of Reports p. 1-6). The State Office showed an income of \$36,302.82 and showed a balance in the black of \$1,953.22.

2. A continued good interest in the *Voice* and good finances.

3. Coop giving was reported up over the past six months.

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

A motion and second was made to recommend to the voting body a cost of living raise of 5% for the State Executive Secretary. (That would be \$780.00 over the next year.)

Dr. Milburn Wilson, California State Mission Board Chairman, gave a report on the State Mission Board's work (See Digest of Reports p. 7-10). A motion and second was made to accept the report as information.

Rev. Francis Boyle, Chairman of the C.C.C. Board of Trustees, gave a report on the College (See Digest of Reports p. 11-13).

Rev. John Smith, Jr., President of the College highlighted the financial statement for the year and yielded to any questions from the board or visitors present.

A motion and second was made to accept the report for information, and accept the proposed budget for the coming year and recommend this to the voting body of the convention.

A motion and second was made that a letter be sent along with our State Letter to the National Association concerning the following items.

1. Letter to the General Board, Nominating Committee, and National Executive Secretary requesting that the National consider placing Bro. Archie Mayhew on the Foreign Missions Board and Dr. Milburn Wilson on the Sunday School and C.T.S. Board.

A motion and second was made that additional letters be sent to the following individuals.

1. Letter to the Director of the Foreign Missions Department and Chairman of the Foreign Missions Board that the National consider placing Bro. Archie Mayhew on the Foreign Missions Board.

2. Letter to the Director of the Sunday School and C.T.S. Department and Chairman of the Sunday School and C.T.S. Board that the National consider placing Dr. Milburn Wilson on the Sunday School and C.T.S. Board.

The State Clerk was instructed to send these letters to the appropriate individuals on the State Letter Head.

A motion and second was made that the California State Association sponsor the State Men's Retreat.

A motion and second was made that a study committee be elected from the floor of the convention to meet with the Youth Conference Officers of the State and discuss the possibility of State involvement in the conference in order to assist and encourage our youth.

A motion and second was made that we adjourn. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Adrian Condit, Board Member from the San Joaquin Association.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES** - Carl Young, Chairman  
 John Redfearn, Nuel Brown, Edward Johns, Francis Boyle  
**RESOLUTION COMMITTEE** - Doice McAlister, Chairman  
 Archie Mayhew, Robert Riddle, Joel Kircher, John Hibbard  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE** - Richard Kennedy, Chairman  
 Bob Vandervort, John Wayne, Shelby Farmer, Lonnie Rolen  
**PUBLICATION COMMITTEE** - Paul Kennedy, Chairman  
 Larry Condit, Vilnis Freimanis, J.L. McAlister, Charles Roam  
**OBITUARY COMMITTEE** - Donna Van Horn, Chairman  
 June Kennedy, Sarah Mayhew, Helen Hames, Carolyn Redfearn  
**PLACEMENT COMMITTEE** - Edward Johns, Chairman  
 Paul Cole, E.B. Condit, James Cox, John Redfearn  
**TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE** - Nuel Brown, Chairman  
 Truman Huddleston, Cecil Thurman, Jerry Webb, Jay Constant  
**NOMINATING COMMITTEE** - Francis Boyle, Chairman  
 Billie McCarty, Tom Hunt, John Young, Adrian Condit  
**PROGRAM COMMITTEE** - Paul Kennedy, Chairman (Exec. Sec.)  
 Lonnie Rolen, Host Pastor; Robert Riddle, Larry Condit, Doice McAlister

### Finance Committee

1. That the dues remain the same as this year's (\$1.00 per member). *Young - Wayne Wayne - Yordell > salary*
2. That in the 1985 Session the Thursday Evening Offering be designated for C.C.C. and that the Friday Evening Offering be designated to the California State Missions.
3. That the State Co-op budget for the year 1984-1985 be allocated as follows: National Association, 15%; California Christian College, 35%; California State Mission Board, 19%; State Office, 30%; State Youth Conference, 1%.

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### 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.

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## Resolution Committee

I. 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 aforementioned actions are retroactive in any way but are meant to start from here.

Be it resolved that each association be notified of this body's position concerning this matter.

II. Be it resolved that we give California Christian College a standing vote of thanks for the Christian Hospitality shown during this year's State Association.

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## Placement Committee

The Placement Committee recommends the following:

1. The 1985 State Association be held at the Memorial Free Will Baptist Church of Fresno. '86 - Memorial

2. The date of the meeting - June 13, 14, 15, 1985. Jun 12-13-14 '86

3. The State Association give to the host church \$150.00 for the expenses of the meeting.

4. Over a period of two years the State Association sponsor a fund raising venture to fully air condition and provide comfortable seating for the auditorium at C.C.C. to host State Meetings in the future.

## Nominating Committee

We place in nomination the following:

### STATE OFFICERS

Moderator - Lynn Wood (West Coast)

Assistant Moderator - James O'Donnell (Center) Joe Cutler

State Clerk - Ron Young (West Coast)

Assistant Clerk - John Wayne (Golden Gate)

### C.C.C. BOARD OF TRUSTEES (3 YEAR MAN)

Jonathan Yandell (At Large)

Vernon Jones (Golden Gate)

Bob Wilbanks (Center)

### CALIFORNIA STATE MISSION BOARD (3 YEAR MAN)

Edward Johns (Southern)

Cecil Thurman (Northern)



## Obituary Committee

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

**NORTHERN ASSOCIATION** - Sister Plum Wren, Brother Melvin Phelps (Bethlehem); Brother Hersel Smith, Sister Cora Barnett (Olivehurst); Brother Jimmy McClain (Valley View Acres).

**SAN JOAQUIN ASSOCIATION** - Brother Jimmy Ferrell, Brother Flo Offenbacker (Modesto); Brother Eldon McWells, Brother Ralph Groves, Brother John Brown (Turlock).

**CENTER ASSOCIATION** - Sister Clara Burton (Clovis); Rev. Tom Rowlett (Countryside); Brother Virgil Dunn (Harmony, Fresno); Sister Callie Freeman, Sister Sara Crow (Kerman); Brother Ruby Scroggins (Parlier); Sister Martha Hall (Sanger); Sister Bailey (Selma).

**SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION** - Quarterly Meeting #1 - Sister Laura Clemens (Exeter); Brother Elmo Myers (Farmersville); Rev. Ray Letsinger (Lindsay); Brother Frank Smith (Porterville); Brother Eulis Bradshaw, Sister Lawless (Tulare); Quarterly Meeting #2 - Sister Ruth Bookout, Brother Blackie Stroud (Bakersfield); Brother Walter Luce, Brother Carl Taylor, Sister Velda Ratcliff (Lamont); Sister Lucille Cooper (Lompoc); Brother Roy McMenemis (Taft); Brother J.B. Smith (Arvin).

**WEST COAST ASSOCIATION** - Brother Art Paul (Santa Paula).

**GOLDEN GATE ASSOCIATION** - Brother Herbert Walker (Petalma); Mike Browning (El Sobrante).

## Temperance Committee

We recommend the adoption of the 1983 Report on Pages 15, 16 of the 40th Annual Session of the California State Association of Free Will Baptists:

I 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 not be once named among you as 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 you 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

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# STATISTICAL REPORTS FROM ALL AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS

Association	Horace Gentry Center	E.O. Condit Golden Gate	Cecil Thurman Northern	John Renford San Joaquin Valley	Claude Hamp Southern	Archie Mayhew West Coast	Total
Churches . . . . .	11 11	14 13	8 7	8 9	17 17	15 12	75 70
Membership . . . . .	684 684	934 901	200 207	809 720	1118 1073	754 532	5025
Members Gained . . . . .	70 81	104 122	24 46	144 129	186 118	96 86	624
Members Lost . . . . .	104 56	72 61	22 18	18 81	154 89	62 25	432
Ordained Ministers . . . . .	19	20	13	21	33	22	128
Licensed Ministers . . . . .	7	14	2	3	6	4	37
Deacons . . . . .	32	34	19	26	36	24	169
Sunday School Enrollment . . . . .	703	1184	258	929	1825	835	5674
Average Attendance . . . . .	529 497	939 803	212 162	752 515	1658 1428	706 563	4796 3968
Women's Aux. Enrollment . . . . .	60	99	27	61	102	139	384
Master's Men Enrollment . . . . .	10	12	—	—	—	29	51
Prayer Meetings . . . . .	11	14	8	8	17	15	75
Parsonages . . . . .	2	7	2	4	9	7	31
Value of Churches and Parsonages . . . . .	\$1,970,000	\$3,490,000	\$985,600	\$2,123,800	\$3,382,000	\$2,605,000	\$14,601,400

Delegates



<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	\$285,450.	\$582,425.00	\$59,404.20	\$246,141.41	\$576,495.98	\$415,939.00	\$2,164,197.50
Total Local Expenditures	\$215,640.	\$406,197.68	\$42,648.59	\$234,744.00	\$402,245.14	\$283,591.82	\$1,609,303.23
<b>Outside Giving</b>							
Cooperative Plan	\$ 7,502.	\$ 22,366.46	\$ 3,206.36	\$ 2,933.00	\$ 10,437.00	\$ 10,246.46	\$ 62,662.13
National Executive Office	—	—	—	—	—	\$ 113.40	113.40
Foreign Missions	\$ 3,750.	\$ 15,679.94	\$ 125.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 4,894.80	\$ 343.87	\$ 22,213.43
National Home Missions & Church Extension	\$ 1,625.	\$ 34,910.22	\$ 690.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 22,046.99	\$ 4,887.43	\$ 42,071.98
Retirement and Insurance Board	\$ 1,250.	3,013.52	\$ 200.00	\$ —	\$ 1,796.34	\$ 1,256.00	\$ 6,265.00
Other National Ministries	—	207.50	\$ 443.97	\$ 15.00	\$ —	—	\$ 4,926.00
District or State Ministries	\$ 5,495.	\$ 2,251.00	\$ 378.00	—	\$ 2,775.00	\$ 2,064.00	\$ 83,711.44
Other Causes	\$ 4,350.	\$ 9,041.50	\$ —	—	\$ 1,816.14	\$ 4,373.00	\$ 8,908.62
Total Outside Giving	\$ 20,776.	\$ 95,352.22	\$ 4,792.02	\$ 3,288.16	\$ 47,880.15	\$ 23,441.74	\$ 205,808.31



California are exhorted to emphasize, through word and deed, their total support of the traditional Biblical concept of the family as outlined in Eph. 5:22-6:4.

Our people are stongly 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 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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# MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-SIXTH SESSION OF CALIFORNIA STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

April 6-7, 1984

Garden Grove Free Will Baptist Church  
8782 Lampson Avenue Garden Grove, California

Theme: "Rise Up"

MUSICIANS: Barbara Otwell (Santa Paula), Director  
Deanna Wilbanks (Harmony), Pianist  
Lola Williams (Norwalk), Organist

## Friday Evening

120 att.

On April 6-7, 1984, the Thirty-sixth Session of California State Woman's Auxiliary Convention met at the Garden Grove Free Will Baptist Church. June Rolen, Memorial, presided, and Vice President Betty Watson, Visalia, directed the registration of convention guests.

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A soup and sandwich buffet was provided at the church before service. A medley of choruses sung by a West Coast District choir preceded opening remarks and a welcome to the convention by President Rolen. President Rolen also commented on the 1983 women's retreat, "Yours, Lord," and various individuals in the congregation shared communications they had exchanged with their retreat prayer partners.

The congregation sang "Stand Up for Jesus," followed with prayer led by Archie Mayhew, pastor of the Santa Paula church. The West Coast District Choir sang "Rise Up" and Director Barbara Otwell led the congregation in singing "I'll Be True."

Carol Kircher and Sheryl Vanderburg, Harmony, sang "Rise," accompanied by Deanna Wilbanks. The president introduced the speaker, Trula Cronk.

Following the message, the congregation sang "Love Through Me." A moment was taken to remember the John B. Smith, Sr. family, mourning his death earlier in the week. President Rolen spoke of his Christian love and dedication. The service was concluded with prayer by Ruth Walker, Modesto. Refreshments were provided after dismissal.

## Saturday Morning

The "Awakening Chorus" was sung by the congregation to open the Saturday session. The invocation was prayed by Clinton Wood, pastor of the Hanford church. President Rolen called the convention to order. A welcome to the Garden Grove church was given by JoAnn Wood, and a response was given by Wilmatine Yandell, Demaree.

Donna Flanery, Modesto, spoke on Isaiah 43:1-7 and John 2:10-22 in her devotion entitled "Rise Up and Say So." The West Coast District Choir sang "Rise Up."



The following committees were appointed by the president:

#### REGISTRATION

Betty Watson, Chairperson  
Debbie Fox, Center  
Ruth Walker, Golden Gate  
Pauline Guess, Southern  
Donna Scroggins, West Coast

#### FINANCE

Phyllis Fite, Chairperson  
Yolanda Peaslee, Center  
Helen Albright, Golden Gate  
Jo Ann Taylor, Northern  
Wilmatine Yandell, Southern  
Pansy Cravens, West Coast

#### PLACEMENT

JoAnn Wood, Chairperson  
Janice Rolen, Center  
Wilma Clark, Golden Gate  
Gwen Coughran, Southern  
Sarah Mayhew, West Coast

#### CREDENTIALS

Sheryl Vanderburg, Chairperson  
Deanna Wilbanks, Center  
Donna Flanery, Golden Gate  
Sue Kuykendall, Northern  
Debbie Busby, Southern  
Barbara Otwell, West Coast

#### RESOLUTION

Nora McCarty, Chairperson  
Carol Kircher, Center  
Phyllis Shipman, Golden Gate  
Mildred Matcalf, Southern  
Deloris Steven, West Coast

#### APPRECIATION

Diana Cox, Chairperson  
Juanita Wood, Center  
Gayle West, Golden Gate  
Kathy McClelland, Southern  
Petra Maynard, 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.

The report of State Field Worker Phyllis Shipman, Newark, was received as information. The Student Loan Committee report was given as information by the treasurer. Winnie McLain, Memorial, was elected as the three-year member of the student loan committee.

Information about the 1984 women's retreat was given by President Rolen: October 11-13; \$43.00 for two nights and six meals, and \$27.00 for one night and three meals.

The following will serve as delegates to the 1984 WNAC in Little Rock, Arkansas: Phyllis Shipman, Carol Kircher, Sarah Mayhew, Wilmatine Yandell, Sue Kuykendall, Pauline Guess, Maralla Pusley, Nora McCarty, Diana Cox, Carolyn Redfearn, Winnie McLain, Donna Van Horn, Ruth Walker, Debbie Fox, Helen Albright, Zelma Cole. The president has the power to appoint any other delegates if necessary.

Diana Cox, Countryside, was elected to serve on the National Nominating Committee from California.

Prayer by Nora McCarty, Salinas, dismissed the convention for a break.

The session reopened with the congregation singing "Lift Him Up," followed with prayer by Brenda Gullotto, Campbell.

The 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 \$500 travel expenses and an honorarium in the amount of \$250 be given to the guest speaker, Mrs. Trula Cronk.



Archie Mayhew and Mrs. Cronk expressed their gratitude to California auxiliaries for their prayers and financial aid in past years. Two major projects for these missionaries provided funds to build a house for the Mayhews in Africa, and a hostel for Indian boys while the Cronks were on the field.

The report of the registration committee was read and accepted: Total Registered - 119 (representing 23 auxiliaries); Center - 18; Golden Gate - 112; Northern - 2; Southern - 20; West Coast - 56; Visitors and Ministers - 11.

The report of the credentials committee was read and accepted: We report that Center, Golden Gate, Northern, Southern, and West Coast districts are all represented and reports accepted.

The report of the resolution committee was read and accepted: Be it resolved that each of us strive to practice love, not only among our family and church family, but among the unloveable - and that we encourage auxiliary members to concentrate on projects that emphasize this love.

Be it resolved that through our enthusiasm we encourage our local members to participate in state and national activities.

The report of the placement committee was read and accepted: The March 29-30 state woman's auxiliary convention will meet at the Memorial Free Will Baptist Church, 4141 North Millbrook, Fresno, California 93726.

The report of the appreciation committee was read and accepted: We wish to thank the Garden Grove Church for their gracious hosting of our convention, the friendly hostesses, the pastor and his wife, and the beautiful decorations. Also, a special thanks to those who worked hard shampooing pews, and all the auxiliaries of the West Coast District for providing great food. The music provided by Barbara Otwell and the choir from the West Coast district was appreciated.

We appreciate the ladies from Memorial for the balloon name tags and to Bernice Osborn for the balloon suckers.

We do not want to fail to thank our executive committee for always providing great meetings.

Words cannot express our feelings for sister Trula Cronk. Her warm love for the Lord and others shows through her actions and words.

President Rolen prayed as ushers prepared to receive the convention offering, and Donna Van Horn sang "More Than Wonderful."

Mrs. Cronk brought the morning message. As the service came to a close, everyone was asked to go outside to witness the release of balloons which had been distributed to various officers and members of local auxiliaries. Each balloon had attached to it a message of love and a witness for Christ. The address and phone number of the Garden Grove church was included and finders of the balloons were encouraged to contact the church.

Just before the release of the balloons, prayer by Barbara Otwell concluded the 1984 convention.

*June Rolen, President*

*Sheryl Vanderburg, Secretary*

# CALIFORNIA STATE YOUTH CONFERENCE

April 13 & 14, 1984

**Theme: "The Lord Shall Renew Thy Strength" Isaiah 40:31**

The 1984 session of the California State Youth Conference convened on the campus of California Christian College April 13 & 14, 1984, Rev. Stan Gullotto presiding. The Friday evening session began at 8:30 p.m. with the musical program, a welcome by Rev. John B. Smith, Jr., President of California Christian College, and the keynote speaker, Rev. Jonathan Thigpen, Instructor at Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee. After a fellowship break, the evening session continued with "talent time" and devotions before lights out at midnight.

## **Saturday Morning Session**

The Saturday morning session opened at 8:30 a.m. with devotions and prayer by Rev. Lynn Wood, pastor of the Garden Grove FWB Church. The following seminars were conducted during the morning session:

Teens: Missions, Archie Mayhew

Adults: How to assimilate youth into the church program, Peter Peaslee

Christian Living: Jonathan Thigpen

Soul Winning: Richard Kennedy

Counseling Youth: Dr. James O'Donnell

A Junior rally was conducted simultaneously, with 60 registered. Theme was "JESUS LOVES YOU", using as a key verse John 3:16. The program consisted of:

Sunday School Charlie: Frances Van Horn

Craft Time: Kathy Atwood

Snacks: Debe Taylor

Fun Time: Liz Cox

Bible art and competition: Donna Van Horn, directed by  
Brenda Gullotto

## **Saturday Afternoon Session**

After lunch at the college campus, the afternoon activities began with competition at 12:45 p.m. followed by volleyball and the final awards at 3:00 p.m. In the competition: Becky Kircher, Harmony FWB Church and Brian Lynch. Campbell FWB church received the number one rating and eligible to participate in the National Youth Conference, July 15-19 at Little Rock, Arkansas. Registration for the conference was 176, with over 200 in attendance for the worship service on Friday evening. Eight churches and individual groups gave gifts to cover the expense of the conference. Six churches sent competitors for the youth conference. The closing remarks of Director Stan Gullotto was a "thank you" for all those who helped to make the conference a success.

The next meeting is set for April 12 & 13, 1985 at California Christian College campus.

Motion to adjourn. Dismissed by prayer.

*Diane Phillips, Recording Secretary  
California Youth Conference.*

# **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."