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CHURCH TRAINING OFFICERS

No church training officers elected this year due to reconstruction of the California Youth Conferences.

PROCEEDINGS

Thursday Evening Service - June 13, 1985 - 7:30 p.m.

Theme: "Let Us Go Up At Once" - Numbers 13:30

The Forty-second Annual Session of the California State Association of Free Will Baptists convened at Memorial Free Will Baptist Church, Fresno, Ca, June 13, 14, & 15 1985. The service opened with special music provided by the Harmony FWB Church, Fresno. Bro. Francis Boyle, Chairman of the California Christian College Board of Trustees, welcomed everyone to the service. Bro. Joe Cutler, youth director of the Sherwood FWB Church, El Sobrante, directed the congregational singing. The Convention Hymn was "Victory in Jesus."

Assistant State Clerk, John Wayne, called the meeting to order, and introduced the State Moderator, Bro. Lynn Wood.

Bro. Wood shared some scripture and a short devotion, and then asked Bro. Charles Thigpen to lead in prayer, remembering Bro. Paul Cole of Santa Paula, who recently suffered a heart attack.

The Moderator introduced key note speaker, Bro. Johnathan Yandell, our new home missionary to Sacramento. Bro Yandell's challenge was to "Go Up At Once And Seize The Opportunity."

Bro. Wayne announced the appointment of the Committee on Committees, with Bro. Doice McAlister (Turlock) as chairman. Bro. Vernon Jones, El Sobrante, dismissed the body in prayer.

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

Meeting was opened by Bro. Joe Cutler in song and Bro. Truman Huddleston in prayer. Moderator Bro. Lynn Wood gave everyone present a warm welcome, and then introduced Bro. Joe Cutler.

Bro. Cutler then shared scripture (I Cor. 1) and gave a short devotional, speaking of the evils of divisions among us.

Bro. Lonnie Rolen, host pastor, welcomed everyone to the city of Fresno, and to the Memorial FWB church.

Bro. Wood proceeded to recognize visitors who had joined us for this morning session. Among the visitors present were: Dr. Charles Thigpen, FWB Bible College, Nashville; Jack and Jo Arnold, Oregon; Harold Harrison, Nashville; Dennis Teague, deputational Missionary to France; Walter and Rena Wood, Oklahoma; and Richard Gallant, Hillsdale FWB College, Oklahoma.

Moderator Bro. Lynn Wood then recognized State Clerk Ron Young for the reading of the Letters from the six Local Associations of the State Association. A motion & second was made to accept those letters and seat the delegates.

Clerk, Ron Young, read the report from the Committee on Committees (See Committee Reports). A Motion & second was made to accept the report.

Bro. Paul Kennedy, State Executive Secretary, gave his report of the State Office for the year (see Digest of Reports). Bro. Kennedy commended EL SOBRANTE, NEWARK, and SANTA PAULA churches for outside giving through the State Office in excess of \$10,000. He then gave praise to the State's churches for a record year of giving.

Bro. Kennedy then commented on the necessity of WORK in the building of churches. There was a motion & second to receive the report.

Bro. Kennedy then expressed a desire to move the State Office to Amador County, due to health reasons and also with the purpose of starting a mission church in the area. There was a motion & second to table the motion until the afternoon session.

Bro. Harold Harrision, Nashville, brought greetings from the National FWB Sunday School Dept., and reported on new teaching aids from the Department, such as Spanish curriculum and "Ordinance" instructions for young people. He also announced the publication of a new Free Will Baptist History to be available July 1985.

The congregation was then dismissed for the break before the Morning Worship Service.

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

Bro. Joe Cutler, Music Director for the session, opened the worship service with congregational singing. He also provided the special music, as he sang "The King of Kings."

Bro. Tim Rolen, Memorial FWB Church, brought the morning message from Numbers 13:30. The theme of Bro. Rolen's message was "Let Us Go Up at Once and Overcome the Enemy.". Bro. Rolen's main points included "Who is the Enemy?" and "What is the Victory?"

The committee meeting places were announced, and the congregation was dismissed in prayer for the lunch break.

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

Bro. Joe Cutler opened the meeting by leading the congregation in the song "He Brought Me Out." Brother Cecil Spurlock led the opening prayer, and Bro. Cliff Williamson provided the special music by singing "Pass Me Not."

The Moderator then introduced Bro. Charles Thigpen, President of the FWB Bible College in Nashville. Bro. Thigpen brought greetings and a report of the college. He thanked California for its financial support, and stressed the need for trained laymen in our churches.

Bro. Claudie Hames presented the report from the National Home Mission Board, and distributed a letter from Bro. Trymon Messer of the Home Mission department. (See Digest of Reports).

Bro. Francis Boyle reported from the FWB Board of Retirement and Insurance, and reported assets of over \$3,000,000. The Board is paying 9.5% interest this year, plus a 1.5% bonus. He reported that the Board settled @ 50 cents on the dollar for previous debts left by the now defunct medical insurance. He also stressed to the congregation the need for written wills.

Bro. Richard Gallant brought greetings from Hillsdale FWB College, Moore, Oklahoma. He presented a letter from Bro. Edwin Wade, president (See Digest of Reports). Bro. Gallant stated the mission of the college, including training people how to be a Christian in a non-Christian world.

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 General Board.

The following people were recommended to serve on the General Board: (Northern): Cecil Thurman; (Center): Gary Johnson; (Golden Gate): Dave Fox; (San Joaquin): Adrian Condit; (West Coast): Paul Cole; (Southern): Claudie Hames.

There was a motion & second to move the State Office to Fresno. Motion was amended to specifically move it to the CCC Campus. Motion was tabled until after the CCC report was presented.

Bro. Francis Boyle, Chairman of the CCC Board of Trustees, presented the CCC Report. He read the minutes from the last CCC Board meeting, and mentioned that the Fire Marshall required many improvements, and that some buildings on Campus have not yet received the final permit. He reported that some buildings have been leased out, and this money is being used to improve the campus.

Bro. Boyle also reported that the board has been praying about the new directions that the school should pursue.

Bro. Yandell added to the report, and explained the new direction hoped for.

A motion & second was made to receive the report, and during the discussion a "balance sheet" was requested, and promised by Bro. Boyle. An estimate of required repairs to the administration building was requested & Bro. Boyle allowed Bro. John Smith to answer. Motion to receive the report.

Motion regarding the moving of the State Office to the CCC Campus in Fresno was considered Motion passed as amended.

Those elected to serve on the CCC Board of Trustees were: (Southern): J.L. McAlister; (Northern): Mike Gaggia; (At large): Carl Young, (San Joaquin): John Redfern.

Milburn Wilson, Chairman of the State Mission Board, gave the Board's report of work done during the year (See Digest of Reports). He reported that the Fairfield Church is soon to erect a building, and announced the commission of Bro. Johnathan Yandell as missionary to Sacramento, and mentioned Bro. Yandell's unique "Video Presentation" about his work in the Sacramento Area.

There was a motion and second to receive the report, and during the discussion a "Balance Sheet" was requested of and promised by Bro. Wilson.

The following people were elected to serve on the Mission Board: (Southern): Shelby Farmer; (Center): Nuel Brown; (West Coast): Tom Hunt.

Motion & second to include the "adoption" of the Lancaster Mission by West Coast Association in their report, and to recognize them as an official mission.

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

Service was opened in song by Bro. Joe Cutler. Bro. Butch Johns presided over the service, and special music was provided by Bro. Joe Cutler.

Featured speaker was Bro. Archie Mayhew, Pastor, Santa Paula FWB Church, and former missionary to Africa. Bro. Mayhew blended his message "Let us rise up at once and possess the land" into the convention theme. An offering was received for missions, and the service concluded as Rev. & Mrs. Johnathan Yandell were "officially" commissioned to their new work in the North Sacramento area, and the congregation prayed and asked God to bless their labors and to build His church.

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

Services were opened by special music from Capitol FWB Church in Sacramento, who sung, "I've Got my Foot on the Rock." Bro. Joe Cutler directed the congregation singing "Amazing Grace," Rev. Robert Riddle led in Prayer as requested by the Moderator. Bro. Wood then introduced Rev. Rick Mooney, pastor of Arvin FWB Church, who brought the morning devotion from Numbers 13:1, 20, 30.

Motion & second to allow Johnathan Yandell to serve as an assistant to acting clerk John Wayne for the remainder of the session.

Bro. Wayne then read the Finance Committee report (see Committee Reports). Motion & second to receive report and vote on them item by item.

Publication committee report was read. Motion and second that it be accepted as a whole. (See Committee Reports)

Placement committee report was read. Motion and second to accept the recommendation of placing the 1986 State Meeting at the Memorial FWB Church in Fresno on June 12, 13, 14, 1986.

Obituary committee report was read (see Committee Reports). Motion and second to accept the report. It was followed by a moment of prayerful remembrance and reflection on those who have departed this life to be with the Lord.

Temperance Committee report was read. Motion carried to accept report as a whole. (See Committee Reports)

Resolution Committee report was read (See Committee Reports). Motion and second to receive report & vote item by item.

Motion and second that the Executive Secretary be empowered to word and sign the letter recommended in item one of the resolution committee report.

Nominating Committee report was read. Motion and second to accept the report.

Motion and second that the State of California FWB provide tuition support for full time FWB students who were enrolled at CCC. Motion and second to substitute "transportation" for "tuition." Motion to refer this matter to the CCC Board of Trustees.

Motion and second that the State go on record as commending the workers and past students at CCC for their work for the State. Motion and second to amend that a plaque be given to Mr. & Mrs. Hyatt and to John Smith for their service to the school. Motion and second that Sister Winnie McClain be included in being given a plaque as well. Motion passed in amended form: "that the State of California FWB go on record as commending the workers and past students at CCC for their work for the state and that plaques be given to Ed & Margaret Hyatt, John Smith, and Winnie McClain in appreciation for their service to the school." Motion and second that Brother Sam Grossen be similarly honored with a plaque of appreciation for his labors at the school.

The 1986 program committee elected was: Joel Kircher, Dave Fox, Larry Condit Executive Secretary, Paul Kennedy, and the Host Pastor, Lonnie Rolen.

Nominations were opened for National General Board Member. Brother Doice McAlister was elected by acclamation.

Motion & second that the move of the state office to Fresno be completed by January 1, 1986. Motion and second to postpone indefinitely. Motion and second that the move of the State Office to Fresno be completed as of May 31, 1986 and that the General Board be allowed to fill the position of Executive Secretary until the State associational meeting in June 1986. Motion and second to amend the date to June 30. Amended motion carried.

Nominations were opened for delegates to the National Association from California. Gary Wright, Franklin Headly, Gene Fry, John Young, Helen Hames, and George Bronkhorst (alternate) were elected.

Report from the Women's Auxilliary (State & National) was given by sister June Rolen. Motion and Second to accept.

State Youth Conference report (See Committee Reports) was read by acting clerk John Wayne. Motion and second to receive the report and act on it item by item.

Item 1: Motion to refer to General Board and that they return to us a plan for a State-Sponsored Youth Conference.

Item 2: Motion and second to refer to General Board.

Recommendation of the nominating committee for officers for the coming year was adapted. Officers are:

Moderator: Lynn Wood

Asst. Mod: Joe Cutler

Clerk: Ron Young

Asst. Clerk: John Wayne

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

Worship service was opened with singing provided by the Sacramento Church Quartet. Bro. E.B. Condit, pastor of the Campbell Church, introduced the guest speaker, Bro. Charles Thigpen, President of Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville. Bro. Thigpen brought an excellent message, touching on such subjects as prayer, and God's timely answers to our prayers.

Meeting was then adjourned until June, 1986.

GENERAL BOARD MEETING REPORT December 3, 1984 - Bakersfield, California

Meeting opened with roll call at 3:10 p.m.

Members absent: Milburn Wilson, Adrian Condit (Bro. McAlister sub.) Bro. Lynn Wood read scripture from Judges 1: 12-15, encouraged us to analyze what we ask God for, and why we ask for it.

Prayer.

Reading of the Minutes were dispensed with.

STATE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT: Bro. Paul Kennedy
Financial Report (copy enclosed)

Comparison made to 1984 figures.

Mentioned four churches without pastors.

Mentioned men's retreat and encouraged attendance.

Motion and second to receive report.

HOME MISSION BOARD REPORT: Bro. Doice McAlister
Spoke about their responsibility for Bros. Hensley & Cameo

FAIRFIELD CHURCH: Going well, has building permits, construction should begin soon. Bro. Hensley is doing a good job of soul winning. Bus ministry not yet begun.

SPANISH WORK: Bro. Cameo is doing well, is now getting men in his church to help him. Board has cut his salary to facilitate support by the church.

SELMA: Mission Board is selling the Selma Church. No profit will be realized after the sale. It is in escrow until Dec. 15th.

MADERA: Maynard is filling the pulpit, board is looking for a person to take the church. Suggested to start a new work rather than try to restart the old work. Pray about Madera.

SO. CALIF.: Bro. Wilson was at Bell Gardens church meeting 12/2/84. Rosemead church has moved into 7th day Adventist church with option to buy. They are seeking a pastor. Spanish works are considering forming their own association.

WALK-A-THON: Did not do so well this year.

Motion & second to receive report.

BRO. WOODS COMMENTS: Only one or two other states have Spanish works. Calif. has done well in this area. Mission Board is to be commended.

CCC REPORT: BRO. BOYLE

Board of trustees is endeavoring to get students. We now have 31. Trend is shifting to married students. Outside indebtedness has been satisfied. Problem seems to be that no one wants to go to a Christian College. CCC needs to produce more ministers for Calif. Churches. Students are desperately needed.

JOHN SMITH: School is operating within budget. Enrollment will remain about the same as last semester. John's goal has been to eliminate the divisions of times past. He encouraged us to work together to build the school. Teaching vacancy will be filled with local part time help.

Motion & second to receive report.

MISC. BUSINESS:

Questions was raised as to which organization is to reimburse State Moderator for attendance at various meetings. Bro. Haimes moved that we recommend to State Assoc. that State Office be responsible for reimbursement.

Bro. Kennedy asked for prayer for Richmond Church.

Bro. Kennedy moved to recommend to State Assoc. that each Local Assoc. endeavor to start a mission church.

Bro. Wood asked for us to elect a new Assistant Moderator due to the resignation of the present assistant.

Bro. John Smith was appointed.

Bro. Boyle moved that we have an "All Board" meeting in the fall, with a General Board meeting afterwards, with boards to pay expenses of members.

Bro. Boyle moved that General Board's mileage reimbursement be brought into line (20 cents) with the other boards.

Meeting adjourned.

GENERAL BOARD MEETING REPORT

June 13, 1985 - 3:00 p.m.

The board meeting was called to order by Moderator Lynn Wood with the reading of Obadiah 17, followed by a short devotion. Bro. Wood centered his thoughts around possessing our possessions, regaining the things that are ours, and stop the relinquishing of our possessions to satan.

Bro. Wood then mentioned Clerk Ron Young's absence due to a family matter. Motion & second that Bro. Johnathon Yandell serve to help Bro. John Wayne as acting clerk. Prayer was then asked for Bro. Paul Cole (Santa Paula FWB Church), who recently had a heart attack. Asst. Clerk John Wayne then called the roll, with Bros. Ron Young and Paul Cole absent.

Bro. Wood then presented the board with an agenda, and Bro. Wayne then read the minutes from the previous board meeting held in Bakersfield, CA, on December 1984. Motion & second to accept the minutes as read.

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

1. Financial report: Record year of giving.
2. Mentioned the need for more church reporters.
3. Mentioned churches without pastors:

Ceres

Antioch (Solid Rock)

Earlimart

Kerman

Salinas Spring

Tulare

4. Mentioned intention to move State Office to Amador County

Motion & second to receive report. Discussion then centered around the moving of the State Office to Fresno rather than Amador County.

Milburn Wilson, Calif. State Mission Board Chairman, gave a report on the work of the State Mission Board (see Digest of Reports, pp. 7-10). Motion & second to accept report as information.

Bro. Francis Boyle, Chairman of the C.C.C. Board of Trustees, gave a report on the college (see Digest of Reports, pp 11-13).

Bro. Boyle then reported that at the last CCC Board meeting, decisions were made to rent buildings on campus to satisfy debts. Bro. Boyle reported that current debts should be satisfied in approximately one year. The CCC Board looks to the General Board for Direction. Employees of the college have been given 60-day termination notices, and an executive secretary was hired by the CCC Board to write checks, etc.

Bro. Yandell then explained that classes are being temporarily ceased to allow for a possible reorganization of the college. He stated that the CCC Board wishes to use the college to train church workers, and not to concentrate on secular studies.

It was reported that the current renters are doing an excellent job of restoring and maintaining the buildings.

Meeting adjourned.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES - Doice McAlister, Chairman

Claudie Hames, Nuel Brown, Archie Mayhew, Adrian Condit

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE - Larry Condit, Chairman

Vernon Jones, Cecil Spurlock, Edward Johns, Lynn wood

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Francis Boyle, Chairman

Doice McAlister, John Wayne, Dave Fox, Lonnie Rolen

PUBLICATION COMMITTEE - Paul Kennedy (Exec. Sec.), Chairman

Joel Kircher, John Aranda, Stan Gullato

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - E.B. Condit, Chairman

Milburn Wilson, Archie Mayhew, J.L. McAlister, Carl Young

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE - Shelby Farmer, Chairman

John Redfern, Harry Hernandez, Jerry Webb, Tim Rolen

OBITUARY COMMITTEE - June Rolen, Chairman

Carol Kircher, Helen Kisner, Sara Mayhew, Evelyn Jones

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE - Cecil Thurman, Chairman

Adrian Condit, Robert Riddle, Claudie Hames

PROGRAM COMMITTEE - Paul Kennedy (Exec. Sec.) Chairman

Lonnie Rolen, Host Pastor: Joel Kircher, Larry Condit, Dave Fox.

Resolution Committee

1. Be it resolved that the host church be given a standing vote of thanks for their facilities and Christian hospitality.

Finance Committee

1. We recommend that the State pay Clerk's wages to Ron Young and assistant Clerk's wages to John Wayne and Johnathan Yandell.
2. We recommend that the host church be given \$200 this year and next year for utilities.
3. We recommend that the State Co-op budget for 85-86 remain the same as they are listed in our 84-85 State minutes.

15% National Association; 35% CCC; 19% State Mission Board; 30% State Office; 1% State Youth Conference

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.
7. The State Association look into the possibility of changing the *Voice* into an 8x11 format, and that a report be brought to the 1986 State Association.

Placement Committee

The Placement Committee recommends the following:

1. The 1986 State Association be held at the Memorial Free Will Baptist Church of Fresno.
2. The Dates of the Meeting - June 12, 13, 14, 1986.
3. The State Association give the host Church \$150.00 for the expenses of the meeting.

Nominating Committee

We place in nomination the following:

Moderator - Lynn Wood (West Coast)
Assistant Moderator - Joe Cutler (Golden Gate)
State Clerk - Ronald Young (West Coast)
Assistant Clerk - John Wayne (Golden Gate)

Obituary Committee

God in His infinite wisdom has called from our midst the following:

NORTHERN ASSOCIATION - Minnie McKinney

WEST COAST ASSOCIATION - Marie Haworth, Helen Wilbanks, Bill Wilbanks

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION - Charles Lee, Winnie Cutchell, Lee Ryan, Bro. Esker, J.B. Smith, Leo Goodwin, Marie Henderson, Orville Groves Melva Stolt, L.B. Blair

CENTER ASSOCIATION - Verna Thurman, C.E. Wilkinson, Helen C. Lee, Arthur W. Decker

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, 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 shame facedness 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.

7. Since California Free Will Baptist recognize the value of human life, we go on record being totally opposed to abortion (The taking of a human life).

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STATISTICAL REPORTS FROM ALL AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS

<i>Association</i>	<i>Center</i>	<i>Golden Gate</i>	<i>Northern</i>	<i>San Joaquin Valley</i>	<i>Southern</i>	<i>West Coast</i>	<i>Total</i>
Churches	11	13	7	10	17	14	75
Membership	684	901	207	720	1,063	532	4,107
Membership Gained	81	122	46	129	118	86	—
Members Lost	56	61	18	81	89	25	303
Ordained Ministers	20	19	14	22	25	20	120
Licensed Ministers	4	4	—	5	4	4	24
Deacons	34	21	11	26	34	25	151
Sunday School Enrollment	636	1,073	203	592	1,828	805	5,137
Average Attendance	497	803	162	515	1,488	563	4,028
Women's Aux. Enrollment	62	79	24	53	122	94	434
Master's Men Enrollment	7	15	16	—	13	—	48
Prayer Meetings	11	13	7	10	17	14	75
Parsonages	4	7	1	2	10	7	31
Value of Churches and Patronages	\$ 2,452,000	\$ 7,936,008	\$ 821,600	\$ 1,804,000	\$ 4,089,000.00	\$ 2,570,000	\$ 16,785,000
Total Income	\$ 309,715.00	\$ 642,965.88	\$ 37,370.00	\$ 224,641.12	\$ 562,095.00	\$ 354,819.00	\$ 2,121,353.54

**MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF
CALIFORNIA STATE WOMAN'S
AUXILIARY CONVENTION
March 29-30, 1985**

**Memorial Free Will Baptist Church
4141 North Millbrook, Fresno, CA 93726
Theme: "IT'S IN MY HEART!"**

**Musicians: Connie Bomar (Clovis), Director
Deanna Wilbanks (Harmony), Pianist
Brenda Patrick (Memorial), Organist**

Friday Evening

The thirty-seventh session of California State Woman's Auxiliary Convention met March 29-30, 1985 at Memorial Free Will Baptist Church, Fresno, California. The theme was "IT'S IN MY HEART." June Rolen, Memorial, presided.

Convention activities began on Friday evening with Vice President Betty Watson directing the registration of guests. President Rolen welcomed the convention to the Memorial church, and the congregation sang "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart." Barbara Myer, a former state auxiliary officer now residing in Denver, Colorado, led in prayer.

Workshops were conducted as follows:

- "Leaders - Don't Lose Heart!" by June Rolen
- "Treasure from the Heart" by Betty Watson
- "Had a Heart-to-Heart Lately?" by Wilmatine Yandell
- "From Heart to Hand" by Connie Bomar

Groups were reconvened for the program, which began with the singing of choruses and prayer by Juanita Wood, Harmony. Shelly Coyle, a student at California Christian College, sang "You Took My Heart By Surprise."

The "Heart of the Matter" was presented by Sue MacGill, Sherwood Forest, Connie Bomar, Clovis, and Verla Fletcher, Harmony. Their program consisted of sharing ideas, helps, and enthusiasm for auxiliary programs.

Prayer by Zella Ramsey, Kerman, dismissed the congregation for a dinner prepared and served by the Center District Woman's Auxiliary.

Saturday Morning

The Saturday session began with the call to order by President June Rolen. The congregation was led in singing choruses and the hymn "He Keeps Me Singing." State Field Worker Phyllis Shipman prayed the invocation.

Betty Howard, Regina King, and Barbara Otwell, Santa Paula, sang "A Broken Heart I Gave." Chaplain Gerald Mangham gave a devotional.

The following committees were appointed by the president:

REGISTRATION

Betty Watson, Chairperson
Debbie Allen, Center
Mary Hatcher, Golden Gate
Shirley Mooney, Southern
Valerie Fite, West Coast

FINANCE

Phyllis Fite, Chairperson
Lori Rolen, Center
Marcella Pusley, Golden Gate
Kathy McClelland, Southern
Barbara Otwell, West Coast

PLACEMENT

Sue Joslin, Chairperson
Janice Rolen, Center
Freda Nettleton, Golden Gate
Evelyn Smith, Southern
Sarah Mayhew, West Coast

CREDENTIALS

Sheryl Vanderburg, Chairperson
Sadie Brosi, Center
Nora McCarty, Golden Gate
Debbie Busby, Southern
Donna Molter, West Coast

RESOLUTION

Jerry Spurlock, Chairperson
Carol Kircher, Center
Emma Puett, Golden Gate
Mildred Wallace, Southern
Betty Howard, West Coast

APPRECIATION

Donna Flanery, Chairperson
Regina Smith, Center
Leota Wilson, Golden Gate
Pearl Coughran, Southern
Naomi Sams, West Coast

A motion carried to accept the following district representatives as the nominating committee: Verla Fletcher, Center; Ruth Walker, Golden Gate; Gwen Coughran, Southern; Katy Henthorn, West Coast; Wilmatine Yandell, Member-at-Large.

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.

President Rolen gave the report of the Student Loan Committee. Wilmatine Yandell, Demaree, was elected as the three-year member of the committee.

The recommendation from the Executive Committee that Nora McCarty serve as California's representative on the WNAC Nominating Committee was approved. Mrs. McCarty replaces Diana Cox, who moved out of state.

Information about the 1985 women's retreat was given by the president: October 10-12; \$47.00 for two nights and six meals, and \$30.00 for one night and three meals.

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

The following will serve as delegates to the 1985 WNAC in Nashville, Tennessee:

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| 1. Dottie Wright | 8. Shirley Mooney |
| 2. Pearl Coughran | 9. Emma Puett |
| 3. Donna Smith | 10. Nora McCarty |
| 4. Evelyn Smith | 11. Jerry Spurlock |
| 5. Ruth Walker | 12. Betty Watson |
| 6. Carol Kircher | 13. JoAnn Wood |
| 7. Sarah Mayhew | |

Treasurer Phyllis Fite reported that over \$2,150 was received for the Cleo Pursell Retirement Project. The goal set by the state auxiliary was \$2,200.00. Pledges made by local auxiliaries will push the total over the goal. This gift will be presented at the national convention in a tribute to Mrs. Pursell for her twenty-two years of service to WNAC.

The convention was dismissed for a break.

Following break, the president made an announcement regarding Free Will Baptist Missionary Jerry Barron, in Mexico. Due to various circumstances, his account is in urgent need. Any auxiliary wishing to send a contribution was encouraged to send it directly to the state office.

The following report of the Registration Committee was given as information: "We, the registration committee, report Total Registered, 125; Center, 36; Golden Gate, 35; Northern, 0; Southern, 24; West Coast, 9; Ministers and visitors, 21."

The following report of the Credentials Committee was received as information: "We report that the letters from Center, Golden Gate, Southern, and West Coast Districts are in order and dues received. We recommend that when information is received from Northern it be included in the letter to go to the national secretary."

There was no report from the Resolution Committee.

The following report of the Placement Committee was accepted: "We recommend: (1) That dues be \$2.50 per member (\$1.50 for WNAC and \$1.00 for state); (2) That each auxiliary send \$1.00 for minutes; and (3) That an honorarium in the amount of \$150.00 be given to the guest speaker, Lt. Col. Gerald Mangham."

The following report of the Placement Committee was accepted: "We recommend that the Demaree Free Will Baptist Church host the 1986 State Woman's Auxiliary Convention on April 4 and 5."

The following report of the Appreciation Committee was accepted: "We the Appreciation Committee would like to express our thanks to the host church for their hospitality. We are grateful to the Memorial and Harmony churches for providing the delicious Friday evening meal, and to the Clovis church for the excellent refreshments at break. We would also like to acknowledge the musicians and guest speaker for their parts in the program. Although we do not know the names of all the individuals, we would also like to recognize whoever has been responsible for the programs, decorations, and everything else that added to the atmosphere and success of the convention."

The report of the Nominating Committee was read and the following were elected as officers 1985-87:

President	June Rolan
Vice President	Nora McCarty
Secretary	Sheryl Vanderburg
Treasurer	Phyllis Fite
Field Worker	Phyllis Shipman
Member-at-Large	Wilmatine Yandell
Member-at-Large	Verla Fletcher
Member-at-Large	JoAnn Wood

Sarah Mayhew, Santa Paula, offered a prayer of dedication for these officers during the coming term, and the newly elected officers were presented to the congregation.

Worship time began with the congregation singing "Near to the Heart of God." Debbie Smith, Harmony, sang "Keeper of My Heart."

Lt. Col. Gerald Mangham, a chaplain at Fort Ord, spoke from the book of John emphasizing how the lives of various women in the Bible were touched by Jesus.

President Rolan recognized women by local auxiliaries, and the convention offering was received. Prayer by the president closed the 1985 convention.

*Respectfully submitted,
Sheryl Vanderburg, Secretary
June Rolan, President*

1985 CALIFORNIA STATE YOUTH CONFERENCE

The 1985 California State Youth Conference was held in Fresno, California at California Christian College on April 12th and 13th. Approximately 125 people were in attendance at the Friday evening services. Rev. Joe Cutler, Youth Director - Sherwood Forrest Free Will Baptist Church, was the conference speaker. Special music for the conference was provided on Friday by Joe and Lucretia Cutler along with Holly Hamilin and on Saturday by Ewa Smith and Becky Kircher.

After the Friday evening worship services, the conferences attendees met at Pizza and Pipes. A good time of food and fun was had by all during this time of fellowship.

Upon the return to CCC late Friday evening, there was singing around the campfire. A short devotional was followed by a marshmallow roast.

Joe Cutler brought a stirring message on Saturday morning. A hamburger barbecue at Roeding Park closed out the conference. A great time was had by all and no one went away hungry. Bruce Wood made a great cook.

This year Liz Cox provided a fantastic program for the younger children. She was assisted by Kathy Atwood. There were two exciting stories told and some great crafts to take home when the program was over.

Mae Wood did a great job coordinating with Pizza and Pipes and putting the picnic together for us.

The committee that was assigned to meet with me to discuss the future direction of the conference came up with the following suggestions:

1. Each association should elect one youth director that is currently serving at one of their churches to sit on a board that is chosen to plan future youth conferences. The board will elect a chairman.
2. The time of the youth conferences should be moved from April to the last two weeks of September or the first two weeks of October. The reason for this is the Teen Retreat and Easter Programs conflict with the youth conference.
3. With a board elected from our total state, we will have a more comprehensive view of our people and their needs. By using Youth Directors, we have people that are constantly working with the youth and are looking for ways to meet their needs. By moving the time of the conference, we can have a better attendance and promote more fellowship and harmony among the teens.

At this point, we have an ending balance of \$465.77 in our treasury. Two years ago, we had \$44. We couldn't even afford to open a bank account. It was then that we decided to rotate our source of speakers. One year an in-state speaker and the next year a man from out of state. That way the cost could be shared over a two year period for the travel expenses. With this in mind, we have left a good balance for the 1986 meeting.

I will be glad to meet with the newly elected board at any time to provide assistance or to explain past procedures.

Stan Gullotto

State Youth Conference Director

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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

ARTICLE I - NAME

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

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

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

ARTICLE III - DELEGATION

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

1. **STANDING DELEGATES.** Standing delegates shall be all ordained members of any district association being a constituent part of this association, and in good standing with the association of which they are members, their wives, all officers and members of standing boards of this association and the unmarried widows of deceased ordained members.

2. **ELECTED DELEGATES.** Elected delegates shall be those delegates duly appointed or elected by the affiliate association which they represent. They shall in all cases be members in good standing in the affiliated association from which they come.

Representation in this association shall be by affiliated district associations. Each affiliated association shall be entitled to one (1) delegate per each fifty (50) members. Each affiliated association shall represent by a letter giving all of the statistical information called for by this body and listing all delegates by name. Representation fees as set by this association shall accompany the letter of information.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS

This association shall meet annually. The date and place shall be chosen by the association. In the event of an emergency, the General Board shall set the date and place of the annual meeting.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS AND BOARDS

The officers of this association shall be:

1. Moderator
2. Assistant Moderator
3. Clerk/Treasurer
4. Assistant Clerk/Treasurer
5. Executive Secretary

Each of these except the Executive Secretary shall be elected at the closing session of this association.

Committees, as necessary, shall be appointed or elected as this association shall provide, and shall hold office until their work is completed or their successors are appointed. Each board, committee or officers' meeting shall keep accurate minutes of their meetings and shall make these minutes available for reading at the request of this association.

The standing boards of this association shall be:

1. Mission Board
2. California Christian College Board of Trustees
3. General Board

The General Board will be elected annually and shall be governed by the following:

1. It shall meet at the request of the chairman or on a pre-arranged date.
2. It shall have an annual meeting prior to the opening session of this association.
3. It shall serve in the capacity of the association when the association is not in session but shall answer to this association for all actions.

Each board shall be composed of members serving terms, the number and length of term to be designated by this association, so arranged that members shall be elected in staggered terms as defined in the section of these by-laws entitled "Description of Duties." Vacancies occurring on any board shall come by reason of:

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

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

4. Removal from the territorial bounds. Any member who unites with a church outside the territorial bounds of this association shall be considered automatically dismissed from membership on the board on which he serves. This provision also applies to the three out-of-state members of California Christian College Board of Trustees.

5. Failure to serve. Members of boards who fail to serve in the capacity allotted them shall upon the approval of this association be dismissed from the board.

No member of this association shall be allowed to serve on more than one standing board or committee at any one time nor shall any member serve as an officer and on any board or standing committee except the General Board.

DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES

A. The Moderator. The moderator shall be chosen by majority vote of the delegates present and voting at the closing session of the association to serve one year.

1. He shall be the presiding officer at all business sessions of this association and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees and auxiliaries and board of this association.

2. He shall maintain order in all business sessions and allow full and free debate on all issues, but recognize no one or allow debate by any demonstrating an unchristian spirit.

3. He shall serve as chairman of the General Board and Executive Committee.

B. The Assistant Moderator. The assistant moderator shall be chosen by the majority vote of the delegates present and voting at the closing session of this association to serve a term of one year.

1. He shall assist the moderator in all business sessions of this association.

2. In the absence of the moderator, the assistant moderator shall become the moderator and be governed by the duties allotted to the moderator.

3. The assistant moderator shall serve as parliamentarian at all sessions of this association.

C. The Clerk/Treasurer. The clerk/treasurer shall be elected by the majority vote of the delegates present and voting at the closing session of this association to serve a term of one year.

1. The clerk shall keep a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the association and have same printed in book form for distribution to all affiliated associations. The clerk shall also keep an accurate record of all officers' and committee meetings. The clerk shall keep all papers and documents of this association unless otherwise ordered and shall conduct all correspondence for the association.

2. The clerk shall also serve as clerk of the General Board and the Executive Committee.

3. The treasurer shall receive and receipt all monies from whatever source contributions may be made and deposit same in a bank.
 4. All bills and accounts owed by this association shall be paid by check drawn against the association account signed by the treasurer.
 5. The treasurer shall give a report of all funds received and expended. The report shall be accompanied by an accurate balance sheet of approved standards of accounting.
- D. The Assistant Clerk/Treasurer. The assistant clerk/treasurer shall be elected by the majority vote of the delegates present and voting at the closing session of the association to serve a term of one year.
1. The assistant clerk shall assist the clerk in recording the minutes of the proceedings and shall make himself available to assist in any of the labors of the clerk.
 2. In the absence of the clerk, the assistant shall become the clerk and the duties of the clerk shall then be applied to him.
- E. The Executive Secretary 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

report of the activities of this board shall be made in writing to the annual session of this association with an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements made. An accurate balance sheet of approved standards of accounting shall accompany the reports and shall be signed by the officers of this board.

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

ARTICLE VI - CHURCH GOVERNMENT

The government of this association shall be congregational in form and democratic in its practice. Congregational church government shall be defined as: "The local church is an independent body, as far as it relates to its own government, the transaction of its business, the choice of its officers, and the disciplining of its members. The local church holds the deed of its own property and is responsible for its own financial obligations and there is no authority by any ecclesiastical power that can revert or change the decision of the local church. When a majority of a congregation in regular conference votes for or against, their decision cannot be reversed by any other authority." However, an appeal may be made by common consent by an aggrieved minority to the quarterly meeting for mediation. If the quarterly meeting or other associations are dissatisfied with the ruling of the majority of a local church, they may withdraw the hand of fellowship from the local church but it still leaves the local congregation in full charge of the church property and cannot interfere with its decisions any further.

ARTICLE VII - DISCIPLINE

This association shall have the right and authority to discipline its members and shall be recognized as the final ecclesiastical, tribunal within the state of California for Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the delegates present and voting at any session of this association provided that all proposed amendments are presented in writing to the association one day in advance of action upon the proposed amendments.

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."