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STATE ASSOCIATION
OF
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PROCEEDINGS

Thursday Evening Services - 7:30 p.m.

Theme: "Principles of Balance" - Isaiah 54:1,2

The Forty-Fourth Annual Session of the California State Association of Free Will Baptists convened at the Memorial Free Will Baptist Church June 25, 26, 27, 1987. The services were opened by Bro. Richard Kennedy in charge of the services. The congregational singing was led by Bro. Joe Cutler. The congregation sang "*He Keeps Me Singing*" with prayer following by Bro. Richard Kennedy. The congregational singing continued with "*Victory in Jesus.*" Two songs were presented by the Harmony Church of Fresno as special music, "*Dwelling in Beulah Land*" and "*Bring All Your Needs to the Altar.*" Richard Kennedy presiding over the services welcomed all of us to the meeting.

The State Clerk, Ron Young, officially opened the Forty-Fourth Annual Session of the California State Association of Free Will Baptists by reading from Psalms 57. The clerk opened the session and introduced the moderator.

Bro. Paul Kennedy, State Moderator gave the Moderator's Message using the theme scripture Isaiah 54:1,2. Bro. Kennedy spoke on the "Principles of Balance--Instructions for doing the will of God and the work of the Lord in our lives."

Bro. Joe Cutler, Music Director for the evening, led the congregation in what he called some "camp choruses." We sang *"I'm So Happy," "I Just Keep Trusting the Lord,"* and *"Bless the Lord, Oh My Soul."*

Bro. Rodney Whaley, one of our newest men to the State, sang a special for us *"How Great Thou Art."* Bro. Billie McCarty introduced two young ladies in the services, Glenda Leatherbury and Jalayn Martens who are missionary appointees to Ivory Coast Africa. These young ladies are out raising their support to go to the field.

The congregation was allowed to share of that which God had blessed us with by taking up an offering for California Christian College. The offering was \$237.59. Bro. Rodney Whaley shared with us about a mass choir that would be singing Friday Night and anyone could sing in this with practice after the services tonight.

Stacey Hawkins, a member of the Harmony church as well as daughter of Bro. Jim McAllister, President of C.C.C., sang *"We Shall Behold Him."*

Bro. Richard Kennedy introduced the speaker of the hour, Bro. Jim McAllister. Bro. McAllister read the Theme Scripture Isaiah 54:1,2 as well as Luke 5:1-11. He was assigned to preach on the subject "Principles of Balance-Through Lengthening the Cords Through Recognizing Opportunity for Growth." Bro. Paul Kennedy announced the names of the Committee on Committees: Carl Young, Chairman; Shelby Farmer, Dave Molter, Billie McCarty, Jay Constant. Announcements were taken from the congregation then we were dismissed in prayer by Dr. Wade Jernigan, Evangelist and Preacher from Oklahoma.

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

The morning business session was opened by the congregation singing *"The Solid Rock"* and *"Trust and Obey"* led by Bro. Rodney Whaley. Bruce Wood played the piano and Frank Breeden played the keyboard. Bro. Garrett Pusley led us in our opening prayer.

Bro. Paul Kennedy, moderator, introduced Bro. Gene Fry from the Memorial Church who shared with us a devotional thought. Acts 1:14 was the text scripture and he spoke on the thought of "Lengthen the Cords of Unity." Bro. Fry shared the need of us to be in "one accord." Bro. Paul Kennedy led us in prayer.

The moderator then introduced the Host Pastor, Bro. Tim Rolen, who gave us a stirring welcome to the church.

State Clerk Ron Young read all the letters from all of the affiliate associations with a motion and second to accept the letters and seat the delegates. Moderators from each association were given time to add or take away any names of delegates with the motion passing.

Moderator Kennedy recognized all the visiting brethren and asked them to sit in, in an advisory capacity. The visiting brethren were: Harold Harrison, Randall House Publications, Frank Breeden from Free Will Baptist Bible College, Dr. Wade Jernigan from Oklahoma, and David Burgess, one of our Chaplains.

Clerk Ron Young read the report on the Committee on Committees with

all committees being assigned with a chairman of each. All committee chairmen were asked to get the committee report sheets from the State Clerk as soon as possible and have their reports to the clerk by or before the Saturday morning business session.

The General Board Report was read by Clerk Young with a motion and second that each item be voted on one at a time. (See General Board Report).

Executive Secretary Nuel Brown gave his report to the body of the State Association (see digest of reports). He discussed the work of the office, the successes and shortcomings of the work of our state. Bro. Brown shared a written report on the office and how important it is to the success of the state work in California. A motion and second was made to accept the report as information. In concluding his report, Bro. Brown recommended several things to help us in our labor for the Lord this next year. 1. That the first Sunday of June be set aside as a state wide day of prayer. 2. That through an organized time of fellowship in each quarterly meeting on a quarterly basis our pastors and their wives work together for better unity in our state. 3. That the Target 90 program and the Co-op program both be adopted by all the churches of our association as a means of growth and support to all the departments of our work both state and national. Bro. Brown also introduced the new pastors from out of state who are Steve Shaw, Antioch, Tim Wood, Campbell, Dan Meekler, Countryside Visalia. All of this was received as information to us. We were dismissed for the morning break by Bro. Truman Huddleston.

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

The service was opened by singing "*Victory in Jesus*" led by Rodney Whaley, Music Director. The congregation was led in prayer by Bro. Larry Condit who was presiding over the services. The singing continued by singing "*I Am Thine, O Lord.*" Two specials were given, Rodney Whaley doing a special on the trumpet "*At the Cross.*" Bro. Joe Cutler, our Assistant Moderator, sang the stirring song "*All Rise.*"

Larry Condit introduced his father, Bro. E. B. Condit, to bring us the morning message. Bro. Condit referred to the theme scripture Isaiah 54:1,2 and spoke on the subject "Lengthen the Cords of Tolerance and Exceptance." Bro. Paul Kennedy gave us instructions to be back by 1:30 p.m. sharp to begin the afternoon business session. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Adrian Condit.

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

The afternoon business session was opened by the congregation singing "*When We All Get to Heaven*" led by Joe Cutler. We were opened in prayer by Bro. Claudie Hames.

Moderator Paul Kennedy introduced Mr. Gaylen Frazier from Bible Literature International who shared with the congregation the work of their organization world wide.

Frank Breeden from Free Will Baptist Bible College gave a report on the

college in Nashville. He shared with us the "Pass the Torch Campaign" of the college and told California what their goal of contribution was.

A letter from Hillsdale College in Oklahoma was read sharing with us the burden of the school even though no one from the school could be present.

Bro. Harold Harrison from Randall House Publications gave a report on the work of their department. Many new books and pamphlets will be out soon, look for them and see that you use them in your church.

Dr. Milburn Wilson, Chairman of the State Mission Board gave his report on the busy year of the mission board. (See digest of reports). A report was given on the success of the National Walk-A-Thon held in Nashville the first of June. A hardy thanks to all who pledged just "get your money in, I did the walking, you do the paying." A letter from the National Home Missions Department from Bro. Tryman Messer in particular was handed out to all present. A motion and second was made to accept the boards report and vote on the recommendations for the future item by item. After much discussion on each of the items the moderator called for a cease in the discussion and that the board meet and bring a more clarified version of item A in particular to the Saturday morning business session.

Bro. Jim McAllister, President of California Christian College, gave the report on the positive attitude and spirit of the college. (See digest of reports). Most of the remodeling is done on the campus and all are invited to come by and see how good it looks. A motion and second was made to receive this report as information.

The three constitutional changes were discussed by the body.

1. That the mission board have eight (8) members instead of seven (7).
2. That the California Christian College Board of Trustees have nine (9) members instead of twelve (12).

Both of these were voted to be tabled until the Saturday morning business session with both boards instructed to meet and work up a written copy of these changes to be presented Saturday morning.

3. That we receive the constitution and by-laws of the California Free Will Baptist Historical Commission and Society and make necessary changes in our constitution. A motion and second was made to table this until the Saturday morning business session.

Moderator Paul Kennedy introduced Mr. Dan Bowman, Executive Director of the California Council on Alcoholic Problems. Mr. Bowman shared with the congregation the work of their council in lobbying among the state legislature to help bring bills into law to curb the sale and use of alcohol in California.

A motion and second was made to dismiss from our business session until the Saturday morning business session. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Dean Long.

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

The evening service was opened by the congregation singing "*Wonderful Grace of Jesus*" led by Bro. Rodney Whaley, accompanied at the piano by Bruce Wood and at the keyboard by Frank Breeden. The opening prayer

was given by Bro. Tim Rolen who was presiding over the service.

The mass choir rendered two heart warming specials that were greatly appreciated by all present.

The congregational singing continued by once again singing some as they called the "Youth Camp Choruses." "*This is the Day That the Lord Hath Made*" "*Oh How I Love Jesus*" and "*Jesus is All I Need.*" We were led in prayer by Bro. Rodney Whaley.

Once again those of us present were able to share in that which God had blessed us with as an offering was taken up for missions.

One more song was sung by the congregation "*Then Sings My Soul*" before our special music was given. The special music was provided by Rodney and Vicki Whaley who sang to the blessing of all present "*Household of Faith.*"

The speaker for the hour was introduced by Tim Rolen who was presiding over the service. Bro. John Aranda, pastor of the Lompoc church brought the evening message. Bro. Aranda used the theme scripture Isaiah 54:1,2 and spoke on the subject of "Strengthen the Stakes of Training and Discipleship." We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Jonathan Yandell. Bro. Paul Kennedy, our Moderator, reminded us that the services began at 9:00 a.m. sharp in the morning with the Saturday morning business session and then our last message of the convention.

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

The Saturday morning business session was opened by the congregation singing "*Bring Them In*" led by Bro. Joe Cutler. Bro. Ron Wood opened with prayer. The congregation continued to sing "*Send a Great Revival.*"

Bro. Steve Soto from the Capitol church in Sacramento gave a devotional on the subject "Strengthen the Stakes of Personal Bible Study."

Bro. Kennedy declared the body to be back in business session to finish up our business. The three things that were laid on the table in the Friday session are to be taken off the table. A motion and second was made to take the items off the table and vote on them individually. 1. To remove from the table the constitutional change for the Mission Board. (See revised constitution and by-laws in these minutes.) A motion and second was made to accept this.

2. A motion and second was made to remove from the table the constitutional change concerning the C.C.C. Board of Trustees. A motion and second was made to table this until our meeting in 1988.

3. A motion and second was made to accept the constitution and by-laws of the Historical Commission and Society and make them part of our Standing Boards and Commissions.

Bro. Paul Kennedy, Moderator, introduced Bro. Jimmy Aldridge who is the Overseas Secretary of the Foreign Missions Department of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. Bro. Aldridge shared with us information on the needs of the Foreign Missions Department.

A motion and second was made to accept the finance committees report. (See digest of reports). All items were voted on individually.

A motion and second was made to accept the publication committee report. (See digest of reports).

A motion and second was made to accept the recommendation from the General Board that the **Voice** be printed every other month. A motion and second was made to table this for an indefinite period of time.

A motion and second was made to accept the obituary committees report. (See digest of reports). The congregation was asked to stand to their feet in a moment of silent prayer in memory of these our fellow christians who have gone on to receive their eternal reward. At the end of this time of silence Bro. Truman Huddleston was asked to lead in prayer.

A motion and second was made to accept the Placement committees report. (See digest of reports).

A motion and second was made to accept the Resolutions committees report. (See digest of reports).

A motion and second was made to accept the Temperance committees report. (See digest of reports).

A partial report of the Nomination committee was accepted. The following people were elected to their respective positions. C.C.C. Board of Trustees--3 year men--Bobby Wilbanks (Center); Vernon Jones (Golden Gate); Jonathan Yandell (At Large).

State Mission Board--3 year men--Shelby Farmer (Southern); Jay Constant (Northern); Osmundo Corrales (Spanish speaking); Billie McCarty (West Coast) filling out the term of Lynn Wood.

General Board Member to the National Association--Doice McAlister.

A motion and second was made to change the dates of the time all books of all offices close from April 30th to March 31st--carried.

All members of the General Board were confirmed by the body of the recommendations from their individual associations. The only association that did not have their board member on their letter was Center. Bro. Lannie Rolen was elected to represent Center.

The following were elected as delegates and alternates to the National Association. Delegates--Donna Smith; George Bronkhorst; June Rolen; Helen Hames; Nora McCarty. Alternates--Eugene Reed; Evelyn Smith; Yvonne Brown; Kay Long; Jeannie McCrilles.

Sis. June Rolen, President of the State Woman's Auxiliary, gave a report on the State Auxiliary meeting and Woman's Retreat for last year. (See Reports). She announced the dates for this year's Woman's Retreat as October 8, 9, & 10, 1987 at Emerald Cove near Bass Lake.

A letter was read from Stan Gullotto resigning from the Youth Conference Board. Bro. Tim Wood was elected to take his place.

A motion and second was made to bring before the body the items "A" and "D" from the Missions Board Report. A motion and second was made to receive these and the rest of their report as information. A recommendation from the State Mission Board to the National Association was voted on to be accepted.

Recommendations from the California State Association of Free Will

Baptists to the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

1. We the California State Association of Free Will Baptists are to make the following recommendation to the National Association of Free Will Baptists. We are asking that the National Home Missions and Church Extension Board and its Departments choose the Los Angeles Basin for its next "Target City Project." There are 14 million plus people now living in the Los Angeles Basin. Because of the ethnical, cultural, and environment changes in most of our present Free Will Baptist churches in this geographical area, many churches have disbanded or grown weak and small. We feel that it's going to take the help of our entire denomination to reach the masses in placing churches in new locations of this geographical area of our state. We ask that this be submitted to the General Board for consideration by the National Association while convening in Burmingham, Alabama July 19-23, 1987.

Executive Secretary Nuel Brown spoke and made a motion that the State Association present a plaque to Bro. Roger Reeds for 25 years of service to our denomination. This plaque to be presented to him at the National Association in Burminham in July.

The letter from the State of California State Association to the National Association was read by clerk Ron Young with a motion and second to send it on to the National.

The program committee was elected by vote of the body. Nuel Brown, Chairman (Executive Secretary); Claudie Hames (Host Pastor); John Smith (San Joaquin); Larry Condit (San Joaquin); Tim Rolen (Center).

We were dismissed for a short break before the morning message by Bro. Dean Long.

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

The service began with the congregation singing "*I Will Sing the Wondrous Story*" led by Rodney Whaley. Bro. Lonnie Rolen who was presiding over the services called on Bro. Cosby to lead us in an opening prayer. The congregational singing continued by all of us singing "*Redeemed*." The special music was presented by Bro. Jim McClellan singing "*People Need the Lord*." The speaker of the hour was introduced by Bro. Lonnie Rolen. Bro. Doice McAlister, pastor of the Turlock church, read the theme scripture as well as Luke 6:46-49; and Isaiah 28:16. Bro. McAlister preached his heart out on the subject "Strengthen the Stakes of a Deeper Growth in Our Sure Foundation."

Following the message Bro. Paul Kennedy called us back to business to take care of a few last minute things. The election of the State Officers are as follows: Paul Kennedy (Moderator); Joe Cutler (Assistant Moderator); Rick Scroggins (State Clerk); John Hibbard (Assistant Clerk).

A motion and second was made to give to the Historical Commission members terms of office from 1-3 years. Paul Kennedy (3 year man); L. A. Yandell (2 year man); Tim Rolen (1 year man).

A motion and second was made to give our out-going clerk Ron Young a standing vote of thanks for seven (7) years as our State Clerk.

A motion and second was made to adjourn from this State Association meeting until we meet in May of 1988 in Bakersfield. We were dismissed in prayer by Executive Secretary Nuel Brown.

GENERAL BOARD MINUTES — Dec. 8, 1986

The General Board of the California State Association of Free Will Baptists met in their semi-annual meeting in conjunction with the Home Missions Conference at the First F.W.B. Church of Bakersfield. The meeting was called to order by the State Clerk Bro. Ron Young. A roll call was made by the clerk with the following members present: Paul Kennedy (Moderator); Ron Young (State Clerk); Nuel Brown (Executive Secretary); John Smith (Chairman C.C.C. Board of Trustees); Milburn Wilson (Chairman State Missions Board); Billie McCarty (West Coast); Claudie Hames (Southern); Lonnie Rolen (Center); Carl Young (Golden Gate); members not present: Adrian Condit (San Joaquin); Osmundo Corrales (Spanish speaking); Jay Constant (Northern); there were also three (3) visitors present.

Bro. Paul Kennedy, State Moderator, opened the Board Meeting by reading scripture from John 1:9-13. He shared with us the thought "Christ came to seed and to save those who are lost." Bro. Ron Young led in the opening prayer.

Bro. Nuel Brown, Executive Secretary, gave his first report to the General Board on the work of the State Office. He gave a written report on the progress of the office and a comparison of 1985 to 1986. He announced the Men's Retreat would be February 5-7, 1987. The Theme for the Retreat is "Doctrinal Issues."

A motion and second was made that the Executive Secretary get three (3) bids for the Air Conditioning and chairs to be put in the auditorium at C.C.C. It was suggested that the bids be set up on a cost plus basis to assure we have ample funds to cover the cost.

A motion and second was made that the promotion for the raising of the funds for this project be promoted through the Quarterly Meetings. The C.C.C. Board member; Moderator; Executive Board Member; have information available to each of their Quarterly Meetings and that the amount be raised by a per member amount in order to reach the goal. Bro. Brown continued his report with information to the General Board on the need of additional funds that would be needed in the future to underwrite the expenses of the State Office. A motion and second was made that a committee be elected from the General Board to bring ideas to the State Meeting of how to continue to underwrite the Executive Office. Three men from the General Board were elected to serve on this committee: John Smith, Milburn Wilson, and Adrian Condit.

A motion and second was made that Nuel Brown, Executive Secretary, Carl Young, Milburn Wilson, Chairman of the Mission Board, John Smith, Chairman of the C.C.C. Board of Trustees serve as a committee to check into the possibility of a Constitutional change concerning the owning and

selling of real estate (property) by any auxiliaries of the State Association.

Dr. Milburn Wilson, Chairman of the California State Mission Board, gave his report. He reported on the works in Sacramento, Amador County. The church in Antioch had the Mission Board take over in a supervisory role. Reorganizing their finances to make it possible to have a full time pastor. Bro. Wilson also discussed three other churches under the Mission Board, Rodeo, Madera and Merced.

Fairfield is now assuming the loan payments on the loan of \$146,000.00 on the property and church. Hanford church is running in the 70's with the church picking up \$1,400.00 a month on the pastor's salary. Mission Board to meet with Visalia Countryside to see how they can help them. They met with the Lindsay church which is running about "9" in their A.M. Services. The church is seeking help to reestablish the work there. The Downey Avenue and Bellflower works are doing well running in the 30 to 40 area. The South Gate Church disbanded, now a Spanish work is there running in the 20's. Riverside Spanish is doing well looking for property to purchase, as is the Rosemead work. The Culver City work has finally purchased the property they are using. A motion and second was made to accept the Mission Board report.

John Smith, Chairman of the C.C.C. Board of Trustees, gave his report. He talked about the Board being divided into three committees: Finances, Buildings and Grounds, and Accreditation. Bro. McAllister talked about the reserve fund that was near \$30,000.00 he hoped it would be \$35,000.00 by State Association time. All the buildings are beginning to get in order. Still working on dining and kitchen areas. All other buildings are leased for \$26,000.00 a year. A motion and second was made to receive the report.

A motion and second was made to go on record in support of our Foreign Missions Board as the Official Sending Agent for our Foreign Missions efforts world wide. Also, that we do not support Foreign Missionaries going independent of this sending agent.

Claudie Hames gave a report from the committee to evaluate the salary of the Executive Secretary. The committee members were Claudie Hames, Lonnie Rolen, and Adrian Condit.

A motion and second was made to review the figures and salaries of other pastors and meet at the Men's Retreat to discuss it.

A motion and second was made that the General Board meet on Friday at 1:30 p.m. during the Men's Retreat.

A motion and second was made to adjourn from the meeting. Bro. Carl Young dismissed us in prayer.

GENERAL BOARD MEETING June 25, 1987 - 3:00 p.m.

The General Board of the California State Association of Free Will Baptists met at 3:00 p.m. at the Memorial Church in Fresno. Members present: Paul Kennedy (Moderator); Ron Young (State Clerk); Nuel Brown (Executive Secretary); Milburn Wilson (Chairman State Mission Board); John Smith (Chairman C.C.C. Board of Trustees); Carl Young (Golden Gate); Billie McCarty (West Coast); Lonnie Rolen (Center); Jay Constant

(Northern); Osmundo Corrales (Spanish speaking); Dean Long (Southern proxie); Doice McAlister (San Joaquin proxie).

Bro. Paul Kennedy, Moderator, opened the meeting by reading from Ephesians 3:13-21 and speaking on the thought "How we can be a glory to the church." State Clerk Ron Young read the names of the General Board members present with the two proxies set in. Doice McAlister for Adrian Condit (San Joaquin); and Dean Long for Claudie Hames (Southern). A motion and second was made to seat the two proxies. Carried. There were 16 visitors present who were asked to sit in on the meeting and sit in an advisory capacity.

Bro. Nuel Brown, Executive Secretary, gave his first official full year report to the General Board. It was noted that due to a change in the calendar year this report only reflected 11 months of the last fiscal year.

He opened his report by giving a written report on the state office and its work and purpose. (See written reports). His report continued by going over pages 1-7 of the Digest of Reports. (See Digest of Reports). Bro. Brown also gave some suggestions for the State Association to adopt as things to help us in the coming year.

1. That the first Sunday in June be set aside as a State Day of Prayer.

2. That each Quarterly Meeting be encouraged to have a fellowship or get together of some kind for local pastors and their wives to have fellowship with other pastors. This to be done on a quarterly basis.

3. That the **Target 90** growth program be adopted by each church to be used in what ever way they deem necessary to help in their church growth.

Information was shared with us that in the past 10 years the State Association has lost 10 churches and 3 missions that are no longer in existence. A motion and second was made to accept this report as read. Carried.

Dr. Milburn Wilson, Chairman of the State Mission Board, gave his report of the busiest year the Mission Board has had since any could remember. Dr. Wilson's report shared with us that in the past year the Mission Board has helped in one way or another 18 of our churches during 1986-87. He shared with the board all the information contained in the Digest of Reports with the report beginning on page 8. (See Digest of Reports). A motion and second was made to accept the report of the State Mission Board. Carried.

Bro. Jim McAllister, President of C.C.C., gave his report of the work and progress of the college. (See Digest of Reports). He shared with us the gratefulness he has for the support and prayers of every Free Will Baptist in the State of California and elsewhere. The atmosphere on campus is one of a positive attitude with good reports coming off campus also. The needs of the college are great but not too great that they cannot be met if God's people band together and determine they will be met. The college still needs our prayers, students, and financial support on a regular and consistent basis. The remodeling of the campus is just about finished. Much sweat and back breaking work went into what has been accomplished and all are thanked for what they did. Many new students have contacted the college with many of them planning on coming this fall.

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

The Mission Board recommends that the word seven be replaced with the word eight in section 5 paragraph G of the constitution and by-laws. This to be done so the Spanish speaking churches of L.A. can have a member on the Mission Board.

A motion and second was made to accept the constitutional change given concerning the Historical Commission. A motion and second was made to accept the proposed constitutional change to include the Historical Commission in our standing boards and commissions.

A motion and second was made that the college board meet and take care of the wording for the constitution change that will be necessary to include the Spanish speaking churches with a member on the college board. The board will bring a recommendation to the body on Friday. A motion and second was made to adjourn from our meeting. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Carl Young.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Carl Young, *Chairman*

Shelby Farmer

Billie McCarty

Dave Molter

Jay Constant

Resolution Committee

Tim Rolen, *Chairman*

Richard Kennedy

Mark Harrison

Billie McCarty

Harry Hernandez

Finance Committee

Claudie Hames, *Chairman*

Larry Condit

Cecil Spurlock

J. L. McAlister

Charles Roam

Publication Committee

Nuel Brown, *Chairman*

Shelby Farmer

Robert Riddle

Dave Molter

John Hibbard

Nominating Committee

Dean Long, *Chairman*

Doice McAlister

Jonathan Yandell

Sam Hensley

E. B. Condit

Temperance Committee

Clinton Wood, *Chairman*

L. A. Yandell

Tim Wood

Lonnie Rolen

Tom Keylon

Obituary Committee

June Kennedy, *Chairman*

Jeanie McCrillis

Kay Long

Nora McCarty

Billie Constant

Placement Committee

Truman Huddleston, *Chairman*

Jerry Webb

Ron Wood

Jim McAllister

Osmundo Corrales

Program Committee

Nuel Brown, *Chairman, Exec. Sec.*

Claudie Hames, *Host Pastor*

John Smith

Larry Condit

Tim Rolen

Resolution Committee Report

1. Be it resolved that the date of the California State Association of Free Will Baptists be changed to the third Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the month of May beginning in 1988. The dates of the 1988 meeting would be May 19, 20, & 21, 1988.

2. Be it resolved that the California State Association of Free Will Baptists go on record as reaffirming our historical opposition to the teaching of evolution in the public schools. That we further reaffirm our support for the teaching of creation science in the public schools. By doing so we are expressing our disdain, dismay, and utter disagreement with the recent 7-2 decision by the Supreme Court of the United States in this matter.

Be it further resolved that we urge the National Association of Free Will Baptists representing some 250,000 members located in virtually every state of our Union to take a similar stance when convened in July 1987 at Birmingham, Alabama.

Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States (whose courageous dissent we respect), and to the chairpersons of the Democratic and Republican National Committees.

3. Be it resolved that we give the host church, the Memorial Free Will Baptist Church of Fresno, a standing vote of thanks for their fine facilities and the good christian hospitality shown during this meeting.

Finance Committee Report

1. We recommend the mission offering be divided between Missionaries: (1) John Hibbard and (2) Edward Johns.

2. We recommend that the host church be given a \$300.00 honorarium.

3. We recommend that the Co-Op remain the same.

4. We recommend that the Moderator receive \$65.00; Assistant Moderator receive \$45.00; the Clerk receive \$65.00; and the Assistant Clerk/Treasurer \$45.00

5. We recommend that the Associational dues remain at the same.

6. We recommend that each church who invites our Executive Secretary to speak at their church receive an offering to help support the office.

Publication Committee Report

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 sent each quarter. This invoice being a request that seventy-five cents (75¢) 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.

Placement Committee Report

We, the members of the Placement Committee recommend that the 1988 Session of the California State Association of Free Will Baptists be held at the new auditorium of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Bakersfield, May 19, 20, & 21. 1988.

Nominating Committee Report

State Officers

Moderator--Paul Kennedy

Assistant Moderator--Joe Cutler

State Clerk--Jonathan Yandell

Assistant State Clerk--Rick Scroggins

C.C.C. Board of Trustees

Center Association--Bobby Wilbanks

Golden Gate Association--Vernon Jones

At Large--Jonathan Yandell

Mission Board

Southern--Shelby Farmer

Northern--Jay Constant

West Coast--Billie McCarty

Spanish Speaking--Osmundo Corrales

General Board to the National Association

Doice McAlister

Obituary Committee Report

Golden Gate Association:

Antioch--Ethel Sault, Louise Wallen

Concord--Kattie Endcoch, Bobbie Hull

Newark--Carmen Goodwin

Petaluma--Tom Drew, Jeanette Holder

Salinas First--Sad Archuletta, Mary Martinez, Jerry Lovell, Cecil Adkins,
Maude Carlton

Sherwood Forest--Karla McDonald

Southern #1 Quarterly

Exeter--Mattie King

Porterville--Nellie Kelsey

Tulare--Bill Fairey, Mae Hardin, Elijah Hardin

Goshen--Jeffrey (six week old son of Gloria Brown)

Southern #2 Quarterly

Shafter--Edity Lytle

Bakersfield First--Noel Engel, Dolly Dunham, Paul Hollinsworth
Taft--Harley Fair
Lompoc--Darrel Hayes

San Joaquin Association

Turlock--Orbin Doss, Robert Groves, Tola Baker
Stockton--Emel Sattler
Hughson--Carl Watts
Modesto--Florance McCay
Madera--Sister Decker
Chowchilla--Grace Bland, Oleta Askew

West Coast Association

Norwalk--Mary Pierce, Lola Williams
Pioneer/Ontario--Berta McCurty
Garden Grove--Howard Blake
Oxnard--Yaino Kamoto
Santa Paula--Bill Salyers, Dovie Fisher, S. N. Burtlow, Katie Henthorn,
Grace King, Maude Barkley

Center Association

Memorial Fresno--Vernon Johnson
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Hanford--Allie Stone

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

April 3-4, 1987

South Union Free Will Baptist Church

110 McKee Road

Bakersfield, CA. 93307

Theme: "THINK ON THESE THINGS"

Musicians: Wilmatine Yandell, Demaree - Director

Deanna Wilbanks, Harmony - Pianist

FRIDAY EVENING

The thirty-ninth session of California State Woman's Auxiliary Convention met April 3-4, 1987 at South Union Free Will Baptist Church in Bakersfield, California, with June Rolen presiding.

Convention activities began on Friday evening with the registration of guests by Vice President Nora McCarty, assisted by Verla Fletcher. President Rolen shared opening remarks from Philippians 4:8, and encouraged the audience to discuss with each other things they had "thought on" in the past week. The congregation was then led in singing "*Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart*" and various other choruses. After the congregation sang "*All for Jesus*," Valerie Fite, Garden Grove, sang "*Thy Word*."

President Rolen introduced Dr. Mary Ruth Wisheart, WNAC Executive Secretary, who spoke about the early days of auxiliary and how it has grown. She then directed a question and answer session and gave a preview of the 1987 Woman's National Auxiliary Convention.

The president appointed the following committees:

Registration

Nora McCarty, *Chairperson*

Donna Molter, Center

Lillie Yoder, Golden Gate

Wanda Nelson, Southern

JoAnn Wood, West Coast

Finance

Phyllis Fite, *Chairperson*

Deanna Wilbanks, Center

Helen Albright, Golden Gate

Wilmatine Yandell, Southern

Ethel Dillon, West Coast

Placement

Phyllis Shipman, *Chairperson*

Mae Wood, Center

Debbie King, Golden Gate

Mildred Wallace, Southern

Margie Stillwell, West Coast

Credential

Sheryl Vanderburg, *Chairperson*

Frances Arnwine, Center

Cathy Ball, Golden Gate

Debbie Busby, Southern

Barbara Otwell, West Coast

Resolution

Verla Fletcher, *Chairperson*

Winnie McLain, Center

Cindy Ward, Golden Gate

Sue Joslin, Southern

Donna Flanery, West Coast

Appreciation

Connie Bomar, *Chairperson*

Mamie Kennedy, Center

Raynell Hernandez, Golden Gate

Emma Houck, Southern

Valerie Fite, West Coast

The following representatives, elected in their own districts, were accepted as the nominating committee:

Ruth Walker, *Chairperson*

Dottie Wright, Center

Debbie Fiez, Golden Gate

Susie Lee, Southern

Donna Scroggins, West Coast

Prayer by Nora McCarty concluded the Friday evening session.

SATURDAY MORNING

The Saturday session began with the singing of choruses, followed with prayer led by Molly Esenwein, Exeter. After the congregation sang "*Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart*," President Rolen called the convention to order.

The congregation sang "*Learning to Lean*" and Member-at-Large JoAnn Wood shared a devotional on "The Christian's Thinking" Helen McAllister, Harmony, led in prayer.

Business Session

The combined district statistical report of the secretary was given as information, and a letter from California Christian College President Jim McAllister was read. The letter expressed appreciation for the past years of support by California auxiliaries. He reported that the college has purchased a new commercial gas range for the kitchen, the result of a long-term project of California State Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

The treasurer's district statistical report was given as information, and the treasurer's report was accepted as read. The report of State Field Worker Phyllis Shipman was given as information.

President Rolen reported on the 1986 State Retreat and announced the 1987 Retreat scheduled for October 8-10; \$55.00 for two nights and six meals, and \$36.00 for one night and three meals. A report on the 1986 National Retreat was given by Connie Bomar, Helen Bomar, and Janice Rolen in the form of a skit. They then shared highlights of the retreat and announced the next National Retreat meeting September 8-10, 1988.

The following will serve as delegates to the 1987 WNAC in Birmingham, Alabama:

1. Nora McCarty

2. Evelyn Smith

3. Raynell Hernandez

4. Ethel Dillon

5. Donna Scroggins

6. Janice Rolen

7. Helen McAllister

8. JoAnn Wood

9. Deanna McAlister

Nora McCarty will serve as the Nominating Committee Member.

The convention was dismissed for a break.

Following break, the congregation was led in singing choruses, followed with prayer led by Gail Aranda, Lompoc.

The following report of the Registration Committee was given as information: "Total Registered - 165; Center, 38; Golden Gate, 47; Southern,

The following report of the Resolution Committee was read and accepted: “In keeping with our convention theme ‘Think on These Things,’ the Resolution Committee encourages each woman to determine, according to Philippians 4:8, the influences on her life from television, books, magazines, and music; and upon the examination of these, to consider omitting the negative influences from her daily routine.”

The following report of the Finance Committee was read and accepted: “We recommend that: 1) Dues be \$2.50 per member (\$1.50 for WNAC and \$1.00 for State); 2) Travel expenses and a \$150.00 honorarium be given to Dr. Mary Ruth Wisheart; 3) \$5.00 per member be given for the Eunice Edwards Loan Fund for Churches Abroad by the 1988 convention; 4) \$5.00 per member per year be given to the Co-Laborer Fund; also, 5) We recognize that to teach and support missions is the primary objective of Woman’s Auxiliary and that fundraising for local church projects is secondary.”

The following report of the Placement Committee was read and accepted: “We recommend that the 1988 California State Woman’s Auxiliary Convention meet at the La Barron Hotel in San Jose, or at the hotel with best quoted prices in the San Jose area.”

The following report of the Appreciation Committee was read and accepted: “We would like to express our thanks to the South Union church for their hospitality. We realize their efforts have greatly contributed to this successful convention. We also appreciate the special attention given to details: the lovely floral arrangements, the delicious meal, and accommodating spirit. We give special recognition to our guest and speaker, Dr. Mary Ruth Wisheart, who challenged us to review and reflect on Auxiliary’s plan and purpose. Thanks also go to the executive committee for their time and talents, led by President June Rolen.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read and the following women were elected as officers for 1987-1989.

- President..... June Rolen
- Vice President Nora McCarty
- Secretary..... Sheryl Vanderburg
- Treasurer Phyllis Fite
- Field Worker..... Verla Fletcher
- Member-at-Large Donna Scroggins
- Member-at-Large..... Wilmatine Yandell
- Member-at-Large..... Sue MacGill

State Executive Secretary Nuel Brown closed the business session in prayer.

Worship Time

The worship service began with the congregation singing "*Break Thou the Bread of Life.*" While the convention offering was being received, the Harmony Ensemble sang "*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms.*"

Dr. Wisheart spoke on "Thinking--God's Gift to Us," offering a challenge to "free your mind to concentrate on what God has for you."

Following closing remarks by the president, Pastor Shelby Farmer encouraged everyone to remain for lunch which was provided by the Southern District Auxiliaries. He then dismissed the 1987 convention in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheryl Vanderburg, Secretary
June Rolen, President

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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 eight 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 Association, 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 nine (9) members. 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 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 Association, 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 in 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." (1 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."