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OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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of the
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of the
California
State Association
of
Free Will Baptists

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Rev. Milburn Wilson, Host Pastor

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## **PROCEEDINGS**

THEME: "A New Decade For Progress"
Philippians 3:13-21

## THURSDAY EVENING SERVICE

The 1990 California State Association of Free Will Baptist convened on May 17, 18, 19, 1990 at the Sherwood Forest Free Will Baptist Church, El Sobrante, California. The opening service began with the singing of the convention hymn "The Banner Of The Cross" led by Jeff Dallen.

The evening offering for California Christian College was received followed by congregational singing. The choir of the El Sobrante Church presented the special music for the evening. Mark Harrison introduced Rick Scroggins who delivered the opening message. Brother Scroggins began to develop the convention theme "A New Decade For Progress" by speaking on the topic "Pressing Inward."

The forty-seventh annual business session was officially opened by State Clerk Rick Scroggins. Moderator Paul Kennedy appointed the Committee on Committees. The committee being: Chairman Doice McAlister, Tim Wood, Dave Fox, Dean Long, and Jay Constant. The meeting was then dismissed in prayer.

## FRIDAY MORNING BUSINESS SESSION

The Friday morning business session opened with congregational singing led by Jeff Dallen. Moderator Paul Kennedy brought a devotion from John 9:1-4 on the topic "The Grace of God."

Host Pastor Milburn Wilson welcomed the delegates and visitors to the Sherwood Forest Church.

The letters were read from each affiliated association and their delegates seated. Brother Kennedy welcomed the following visitors: Roy Thomas (Home Missions Department), Don Robirds (Foreign Missions Department), Bill Evans (Board of Retirement), and Billy Brown (Randall House Publications).

The Committee On Committees report was read and a chairman for each committee was appointed. (See report)

The California State Office report was given by Nuel Brown, Executive Secretary (contained in the Digest of Reports pages 1-8). The report was received. A motion and second was made to give the approval for the "Task Force" to develop the "Harvest '94" project as presented in Brother Brown's report.

Motion and second was received to adjourn for a break and the morning worship service.

## FRIDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Jeff Dallen led the congregation in the singing of the convention hymn. Louis Nettleton introduced Lori Errington, from the Capitol Free Will Baptist Church, Sacramento, who presented a piano solo. Miss Errington will be competing at the National Association of Free Will

Baptists in July.

Congregational singing continued followed by the special music by Jenifer Resinger. Brother Nettleton then introduced Steve Shaw who brought the morning message. Brother Shaw spoke from Philippians 3:12-13 on the topic "Pressing Upward." Following the message a time of prayer was shared led by Ralph Dell.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION

The afternoon session opened with congregational singing led by Brother Dallen followed by prayer.

A report from California Christian College was given by the College

President Jim McAllister. (See Digest of Reports pages 9-20)

The California State Mission Board report was given by Chairman Milburn Wilson. (See Digest of Reports pages 21-26) A brief report was given by the following state missionaries: John Hibbard (Amador FWB Church, Pioneer), Phillip Bender (Burch Park FWB Church, Newark), E. B. Condit (Beacon FWB Church, Lompoc), Matt Upton (First FWB Church, Stockton), and Jerry Barron (Missionary to Mexico).

Paul Kennedy gave a brief report from the California Historical Society (See Digest of Reports page 27). The following resolution was

presented by the Historical Society:

"Whereas: The Porterville Free Will Baptist Church will celebrate their 50th anniversary Sunday, June 3, 1990, we, the Historical Commission, recommend that the California State Association of Free Will Baptists have the Executive Secretary to draft a letter of commendation to the church, to be read at their celebration. That we commend the church for their faithful witness and service to the glory of our risen Saviour, and the good of our beloved denomination, by presenting them with a plaque from the State Association."

The board members of the General Board, Mission Board, CCC Board and Historical Society were elected as recommended by the Nomin-

ating Committee (See committee report).

The following denominational reports were given: Foreign Missions Department, given by Don Robirds (See 1990 Denominational Digest of Reports page 7), Home Missions Department report, presented by Roy Thomas (See Denominational Digest of Reports page 10), the Randall House Publications report was given by Billy Brown (See 1990 Denominational Digest of Reports page 12), the Board of Retirement report was given by Bill Evans (See 1990 Denominational Digest of Reports page 6).

Donald Bowman from the California Council on Alcohol Problems shared of their involvement in various legislation before the California

State Legislature.

## FRIDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

The Friday evening worship service opened with congregational

singing led by Jeff Dallen. Millard Sasser led in a time of prayer. Special music was presented by the California Christian College "Sounds of Joy," followed by the receiving of the 1990 missions offering. Brother Dallen led the congregation to worship in music once again before a special by David Bates. Brother Sasser introduced Sam Hensley, the evening speaker. Brother Hensley spoke on "Pressing Outward."

## SATURDAY MORNING BUSINESS SESSION

The Saturday morning session opened with the congregational singing led by Brother Dallen. Joe Govreau brought the morning devotion. He spoke on the topic of "Cooperation" from Nehemiah 4:6.

Minutes from the General Board meeting of May 17, 1990 were read and received. The General Board made the following recommendations:

- 1. That September be designated as C.C.C. month.
- 2. That each district association give \$2,000.00 for the remodeling of the auditorium at CCC.
- 3. That each local church receive a special offering for "Harvest '94" on October 7, 1990.
- 4. That a 5% (\$1,480.00) raise be given to the Executive Secretary. The following Committee reports were given:

Publication Committee report (See committee report).

Placement Committee recommended that the 1991 California State Association meeting be held on the campus of C.C.C., Fresno, May 16-18, 1991. If the facilities at C.C.C. are not ready to house the State Association meeting we recommend that it be moved to Ashbrook Church, Fresno.

Obituary Committee report (See committee report).

Resolution Committee report (See committee report).

Temperance Committee report (See committee report).

Finance Committee report (See committee report).

The California State Woman's Auxiliary report was given by Sue MacGill (See report). She shared that the 1990 State Women's Retreat will be October 11-13, 1990 at Bass Lake.

The California State Youth Conference report was given by Reed Resinger (See report).

The delegates to the 1990 National Convention were elected. They are Al Olney, Petaluma; Danny Scott, Shafter; Bruce Wood, Fresno; Bob Smith, Ceres; and Greg Patchin, El Sobrante.

A motion and second was received to continue business.

The Nominating Committee report for the State Officers was carried as presented (See committee report).

The following were elected to serve on the 1991 Program Committee: Nuel Brown, Adrian Condit, Stan Barron, Sam Hensley, and Tim Wood.

A motion and second was made to give the host church a standing vote of thanks.

Motion to adjourn.

## SATURDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

The concluding worship service opened with congregational singing led by Brother Dallen. Dean Long led in a time of prayer before the receiving of the morning offering to help defray the cost of C.C.C.'s "Sounds of Joy" trip to the National Convention in Phoenix. Congregational singing continued followed with the special music by Mark Harrison. The message "Pressing Onward" from Philippians 3:12-21 was delivered by Carl Young. A time of prayer was offered before the final dismissal.

## GENERAL BOARD

## November 21, 1989

The General Board met Nov. 21, 1989 at California Christian College, Fresno, CA. Those present were Paul Kennedy, Rick Scroggins, John Smith, Milburn Wilson, Nuel Brown, Jonathan Yandell, Dean Long, John Hibbard, Tom Keylon, Osmundo Corrales and Bill Burgess.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Paul Kennedy. The

congregation sang "He is Lord." Matt Upton led in prayer.

Nuel Brown gave the Executive Secretary's Report. He handed out a financial comparison report of state office receipts, comparing April through Sept. 1988 with April through Sept. 1989. The report showed an increase in all areas of giving to the state office. He reported that about 55% or 45 churches now support Co-Op. His report was received as information.

Louis Nettleton gave a report from the Task Force. He reported the goal of the Task Force is to increase membership statewide by 1000 members in three years. This would be done by enlisting 2000 prayer warriors, have seminars and training workshops. His report was received as information.

A motion was made that we encourage each association, by going to the local church, to give \$2,000 each toward the remodeling of the C.C.C. auditorium.

A motion was made to move the May 17-19, 1990 State Association meeting to El Sobrante.

The following motion was made and sent to the National Home Missions Board:

"We, the General Board of the California State Association of Free Will Baptists, request that the National Home Mission Board reinstate Jerry Barron as a Home Missionary to Mexico in your December 1989 meeting.

This was signed by all board members present.

A motion was made to give the task force permission to proceed with their plans.

The Mission Board report was given by Milburn Wilson. He reported that the State Mission Board is presently helping 16 churches statewide. His report was accepted as information.

A motion was made to give the State Mission Board a vote of confidence from the General Board.

The C.C.C. report was given by Jim McAllister and John Smith. They reported 47 students currently enrolled. The Associational Banquets have been very successful. The college plans to build a gymnasium. This report was received as information.

The Youth Conference report was given by Doice McAlister. The youth conference will be April 20, 21. It will include a speaker Friday night, fun time and Saturday workshops. His report was received as information.

The Historical Commission report was given by Paul Kennedy and received as information.

Dismissed in prayer by Larry Condit.

## GENERAL BOARD

May 17, 1990

Opened in prayer by Danny Scott. Devotional remarks by Moderator Paul Kennedy from I Corinthians 7:29:31 on the theme "The Time is Short."

The report from the State Office was given by Nuel Brown, Executive Secretary. (See digest of reports). He also gave a report from the Task Force about the "Harvest '94" program.

The California Christian College report was given by Jim McAllister. (See digest of reports).

The following recommendations were made to the body:

- 1. That September be designated annually as C.C.C. Month, for promotional and financial assistance from all local churches and associations.
- 2. That each association be encouraged to give \$2,000 towards the state project of remodeling the C.C.C. auditorium.
- 3. That each church receive a special offering on Oct. 7, 1990 for the "Harvest '94" state project.

The State Mission Board report was given by Milburn Wilson. (See digest of reports).

Historical Commission report was given by Paul Kennedy. (See digest of reports).

Motion to recommend to the body to give our Executive Secretary a 5% cost of living raise. (\$1,480 a year).

Dismissed in prayer by Claudie Hames.

## COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Doice McAlister, Chairman
Tim Wood
Dave Fox
Dean Long
Jay Constant

**Resolution Committee** 

Louis Nettleton, Chairman

Mike Trimble

Dean Long

Mark Harrison

Bill Burgess

**Finance Committee** 

Larry Condit, Chairman

Ralph Dell

Shelby Farmer

Vernon Jones

**Nuel Brown** 

**Publication Committee** 

Greg McAllister, Chairman

Phil Bender

Jerry Barron

Jim McClelland

**Dennis Tackett** 

**Nominating Committee** 

Milburn Wilson, Chairman

Claudie Hames

Jonathan Yandell

Dave Fox

Matt Upton

**Temperance Committee** 

John Hibbard, Chairman

Jeff Dallen

Lonnie Rolen

Jay Constant

Stan Barron

**Obituary Committee** 

Lourndia Farmer, Chairman

Joanie Condit

**Marion Shaw** 

Jenifer Resigner

Diane Yandell

**Placement Committee** 

Tim Wood, Chairman

Doice McAlister

Joe Goureau

Bill McCarty

## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. We recommend the mission offering be divided between foreign missionary Dwain Crosby and home missionary Jerry Barron.

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

3. We recommend that the Co-Op remain the same: C.C.C. 35%, National 15%, California Missions 19%, State Office 30%, State Youth Conference 1%.

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

5. We recommend that the Associational dues remain \$2.00 per member.

6. We recommend that an offering be received Saturday morning for "Sounds of Joy" to help with expenses to the National Association Meeting.

## TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

- 1. Be it resolved that we continue our affiliation with the National Federation of Decency and affirm our stand alongside this organization in defense of Christian morals.
- 2. Be it resolved that we affirm our stand against the evil of our day according to I Corinthians 9:25 and III John 3. 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 maybe lawful not necessarily expedient; be it resolved that each minister, deacon, teacher, and layman be activly involved in taking a Biblical stand against homosexuality, vulgarity, immorality, nudity, and abortion.

## RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

- 1. Be it resolved that this body give authority to the State Youth Committee to plan and promote a State Music and Arts competition in preparation for the 1991 National Youth Conference.
- 2. Be it resolved that this State Association stand behind a candidate for California State Superintendent of Schools who will adopt a policy of non-intervention in private Christian Education. That a letter be sent to each candidate stating our views by the Executive Secretary.

## **OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT**

#### **Center Association**

Countryside —Hollis Cummings, Rev. John Reel, Robert Jones

Fresno First—Tom Scott

Kerman—Jullie Burrows, Sackery Farmer

Orange Cove—Earnie Vejar, Lucille Osborn, Leroy Nix, Elmer Mills

Parlier—Rev. O. D. Scroggins

#### **Golden Gate Association**

Antioch—Lloyd Massey

Greenfield—Leonard Gurley

Richmond—Violet Balton

Salinas First—John Martinez

Salinas Spring—Jewel Loftus 2/10/90

Sherwood Forest—Orville Briney, Irene Briney, E. J. Millerburg, Helen Stowe, Mike Wilson 4/90

## **Hispanic Association**

Noĥelia Perez, Amelia Valdez, Jose Gonzelez, Dulce Maria Hernandez, Maria Roman

## San Joaquin Association

Capitol— Ellijah Northan, Art Wren

Chowchilla—Helen Powell, Beulah Smith

Hughson—Sister Billie Blaylock

Turlock—Earl Deaver, Pearl Deaver

Village Chapel—Beulah Percifield, Heath Rank

Modesto—Jim Teilly

## **Southern Association #1**

Porterville—Sister Frankie Cline, Sister Lois Gordon, Sister Ruby Blackwell

Lindsay—Brother Floyd Keys

Goshen—Sister Imogene Rice

Tulare—Sister Frankie DeRosa

## **Southern Association #2**

Arvin—Irene Pender, Vickie Mussa

Bakersfield First—Carrie Welch, Sister Morse

Lompoc—Ventura Hunter

Taft—Brother Nuel Bonner, Sister Hatchet, Sister Bethel,

Sister Jewel Hunt

South Union— J. T. Jones, Wanda Nelson

#### Northern Association

Winters—Elmer Wickmare, Josie Wickmare

#### **West Coast Association**

Oxnard—Edna Dott Mims

Pioneer—Clifford Rich

Garden Grove—Nola Anderson

Norwalk—James Sparks

Santa Paula—Rev. Wiley Gregory, Everitt Lewis, Mike Rigdon

## PLACEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Placement Committee recommends that the 1991 California State Convention be held on the campus of California Christian College, May 16 - 18, 1991, provided that the auditorium is ready. If not, we recommend the 1991 Convention be held at the Ashbrook Church, Fresno, California.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

#### **General Board Members**

Center — Tim Rolen

Golden Gate — Tom Keylon

Hispanic — Osmundo Corrales

Northern — Norman Colcleasure

San Joaquin — Larry Condit

Southern — Dean Long

West Coast — Jonathan Yandell

## California Christian College Board Members

Center — Bobby Wilbanks

Golden Gate — Tim Wood

West Coast — Mark Harrison (to replace Jerry Barron)

At Large — Jonathan Yandell

Southern — Jim McClelland

- 2. Be it resolved that we affirm our stand against the evils of our day according to I Corinthians 9:25 and III John 3. 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 not necessarily expedient; be it resolved that each minister, deacon, teacher, and layman be actively involved in taking a Biblical stand against the following subjects:
  - a. Homosexuality; according to I Corinthians 6:9.
  - b. Vulgarity; according to Ephesians 4:29.
  - c. Immorality; according to Ephesians 5:1-5.
  - d. Nudity; according to Matthew 5-28; I Timothy 2:8-12.
  - e. Abortion.
- 3. Be it resolved that we stand alongside of the Presidential Counsel on Drug Abuse.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

- 1. We recommend the mission offering be divided between foreign missionary Dwain Crosby and home missionary Millard Sasser.
- 2. We recommend that the host church be given \$300.00 honorarium.
- 3. We recommend that the Co-Op remain the same: C.C.C. 35%, National 15%, California Missions 19%, State Office 30%, State Youth Conference 1%.
- 4. We recommend that the Moderator receive \$65.00; Assistant Moderator receive \$45.00; the Clerk receive \$65.00; and the Assistant Clerk receive \$45.00.
- 5. We recommend that the Associational dues be raised to \$2.00 per member.
- 6. We recommend that an offering be received Saturday morning for Bobby Jackson.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Moderator	Paul Kennedy
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## CALIFORNIA FREE WILL BAPTIST HISTORICAL COMMISSION

This is our first annual report to the State Association. During the year we enlarged our Historical Society member to 45. We published our first offical newsletter, "THE CALIFORNIA CONNECTION," with favorable results. We also purchased three new file cabinets which we have placed in the basement of the administration building at C.C.C. We have started several of our files, but we hope to make an improved effort of "Preserving the Past for the Future" this year.

## THE CALIFORNIA STATE YOUTH BOARD REPORT

As 150 young people and sponsors from across our state drove onto the beautiful California Christian College campus, Friday, April 20th, I knew the 1990 California State Youth Conference was going to be exciting, and it was.

The conference was kicked off as "Heaven Bound," a Free Will Baptist singing group from Turlock, ministered through music to our young people. Halfway through the concert, Bro. Howard Gwartney, from Mesa, Arizona, preached, and a young man gave his heart to Christ. "Heaven Bound" closed the concert and the young people then went to "Blackbeard's Family Fun Center" before retiring to the motel.

Saturday morning was filled with seminars and preaching for both adults and young people. Bro. Jim Lauthern, from Nashville, Tennessee taught two adult seminars, "How To Start a C.T.S. Program" and "Finding Your Place In Youth Ministry." Bro. Greg McAllister spoke on "How I Can Be Used of God" while Bro. Gwartney taught on "Images of Music" for the young people. The conference concluded with singing and a message from Bro. Gwartney.

Again, we had an excellent youth conference, and I thank God for the young people He has allowed us to minister to in our state. May God

bless our efforts as we disciple our youth.

In Christ, Brother Reed Resinger, Member California State Youth Board

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## STATISTICAL REPORTS FROM ALL AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS

Association	Center	Golden Gate	Northern	San Joaqui Valley	n Spanish	Southern	West Coast	TOTAL
Churches	10	14	5	11	4	18	. 11	73
Membership	610	919	180	1055	248	1017	365	4385
Members Gained	76	198	20	132	35	183	57	701
Members Lost	54	75	2	110	9	77	25	352
Baptisms	48	131	13	81	27	195	50	545
Ordained Ministers	25	16	15	17	6	29	17	125
Licensed Ministers	4	3	0	8	1	2	1	19
Deacons	32	24	11	28	10	35	16	156
Sunday School Enrollment	848	1042	173	764	240	1393	584	5044
C.T.S. Enrollment	. 0	47	3	155	0	219	20	4.14
Woman's Aux. Enrollment	70	106	. 24	133	72	56	76	537
Master's Men Enrollment	. 0	0	12	20	. 0	0	. 0	32
Parsonages	4.	8	0	3	0	9	7	31
Value of Church Properties	\$2,705,000.00	\$8,471,000.00	\$704,557.00	\$3,913,362.00	\$1,300,000.00	\$5,232,006.00	\$4,807,115.00	\$27,133,040.00
Total Income	\$446,400.00	\$1,094,378.09	\$90,000.00	\$631,667.78	\$115,509.28	\$661,616.00	\$384,196.80	\$3,423,767.95

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# MINUTES OF THE FORTY-SECOND SESSION OF

## California State Woman's Auxiliary Convention April 6-7, 1990

Embassy Suites Hotel • San Luis Obispo, California "BY HIS GRACE"

Musicians: Wilmatine Yandell, Director

Deanna Wilbanks, Pianist

## FRIDAY EVENING

The forty-second session of California State Woman's Auxiliary Convention met at Embassy Suites Hotel in San Luis Obispo, California, on April 6-7, 1990. June Rolen, Ashbrook, presided, and convention activities began with the registration of guests, directed by Sue MacGill, Sherwood Forest.

President Rolen called the evening session to order, stating the reason for the convention: to come together from throughout all the state for the purpose of sharing information and encouraging each other in the Word of the Lord. The congregation then sang choruses led by Wilmatine Yandell, Demaree.

President Rolen introduced Juanita Parker, from East Wenatchee, Washington, and asked her to lead in prayer. Other special guests welcomed from Washington were Neakita Snowder and Joan Warren.

The Ashbrook Ensemble sang "Grace Medley," followed by the featured speaker, Joan Warren. Mrs. Warren used Titus 2:11-12 as her reference, focusing on the topic "God's Grace Is There in Hard Times." Valerie Fite, Garden Grove, sang "Grace By Which I Stand" to conclude this phase of the service.

The president appointed the following committees:

## Registration

Sue MacGill, Chair Lori Rolen, Center Jeanne McCrillis, Golden Gate Pearl Coughran, Southern Louise Riddle, West Coast

#### **Finance**

Wilmatine Yandell, Chair Donna Molter, Center Vicki Dallen, Golden Gate Sue Joslin, Southern Donna Scroggins, West Coast

#### **Credentials**

Sheryl Vanderburg, Chair Dottie Wright, Center LaWana Hamrick, Golden Gate Debbie Busby, Southern Vicki Harbert, West Coast

#### Resolution

Verla Fletcher, Chair Debbie Fox, Center Ruth Walker, Golden Gate Betty Watson, Southern Phyllis Fite, West Coast

#### **Placement**

Joan Condit, Chair Regina Smith, Center Donna Flanery, Golden Gate Kathy McClelland, Southern Shirley Freimanis, West Coast

#### Appreciation

Donna Smith, Chair Barbara Blankinship, Center Brenda Trigg, Golden Gate Diane Busby, Southern Nora McCarty, West Coast Milburn Wilson, pastor of the Sherwood Forest church, led in prayer.

Sarah Mayhew, Ashbrook, was introduced, and a special time was given for prayer requests and needs. Mrs. Mayhew offered the prayer on behalf of those requests, and then spoke on the topic "... He Brings Salvation to All," showing how grace is defined, how it is manifested, and to whom.

Joan Condit, Capitol, was introduced, and spoke on the topic "... He Teaches Us to Say No." Her focus was on grace as the Christian's power, motivator, and teacher.

Prayer by E. B. Condit, pastor of the Lompoc church, closed the

Friday session in prayer.

## **SATURDAY MORNING**

President June Rolen called the Saturday session to order, and the congregation was led in singing an opening chorus. Nuel Brown, executive secretary of California State Association of Free Will Baptists, extended greetings from the state office, and voiced his appreciation for the state auxiliary's help in purchasing the new typewriter for his office. Mr. Brown then led the invocational prayer.

Lynn Ramey, Capitol, sang "Trophies of Grace," followed by a devotional talk by Verla Fletcher, Harmony, entitled "My Anchor Holds!" The book **Healing Grace** was awarded to Debbie Fox, Hanford, who has chosen a specially-marked container of sand that served as a "con-

vention theme reminder" for everyone present.

## **BUSINESS SESSION**

The following report of the Credentials Committee was read and accepted: "We report that Center, Golden Gate, Southern, and West Coast districts have reported and dues have been paid." Copies of the Digest of Reports were distributed, and the combined district statistical report of the secretary was given as information. The retreat report was also given as information, and the following details for the 1990 were noted: October 11-13, \$61.00 for two nights, six meals; \$43.00 for one night, three meals; June Critcher has been invited to speak again.

The treasurer's district statistical report was given as information, and the treasurer's report of cash receipts and disbursements was accepted as read. The president informed the body that the Executive Committee had appointed Wilmatine Yandell, a Member-at-Large, to serve as treasurer due to the resignation of Phyllis Fite. This decision was made on October 13, 1989. A motion carried at this time to have Mrs. Yandell continue to serve in the office of treasurer for the remainder of the term.

The following were elected to serve as delegates to the 1990 WNAC in Phoenix, Arizona:

6. Neva Wood	11. Louise Riddle
7. Lori Rolen	12. Deloris Steven
8. Kathy McClelland	13. Rita Upton
9. Sue MacGill	14. Vera Gullotto
10. Shirley Freimanis	15. Lynda Cantrell
	7. Lori Rolen 8. Kathy McClelland 9. Sue MacGill

A request from Charles Marshall, Arizona, for help in the registration booth during the National Convention was noted, and these ladies volunteered to assist if needed: Dottie Wright, Mae Wood, Delores Wright, Vicki Harbert, Nora McCarty, and Johna Rich. In addition, Wilmatine Yandell will serve as the proxy vote for June Rolen at the WNAC, and the president was given the power to appoint delegates as needed to fill any vacancies during the convention. Joan Condit was elected to serve as California's representative on the WNAC Nominating Committee, and Leota Wilson, Sherwood Forest, will act as her alternate.

The following report of the Finance Committee was read and accepted, and then voted on item by item: "We recommend that:

- 1. dues be \$4.00 per member (\$3.00 for WNAC and \$1.00 for State);
- 2. the Honorarium/Travel Expenses for our speakers be left to the discretion of the Executive Committee;
- either (or both) of the following projects be considered worthy of our support—
  - A. a \$3,000 project for room dividers, chairs, etc. for the mission in France (Dennis Teague family);
  - B. a piano for the new auditorium at California Christian College. In each case, money should be forwarded through proper district and state channels;
- 4. the State Auxiliary contribute the additional funds necessary to pay the balance for the typewriter purchased by the state office last year (approximately \$150.00 more);
- 5. we continue to support the WNAC through Co-Laborer and Special Emphasis offerings during the year."

Each of the above items was approved as read.

The following report of the Placement Committee was read and accepted: "We recommend that the 1991 convention be held at Embassy Suites Hotel in San Luis Obispo."

The following report of the Appreciation Committee was read and accepted: "We express our appreciation to the state officers for their work in planning the 42nd session of California State Woman's Auxiliary Convention, and the timely theme, 'By His Grace.' We appreciate the preparing and presenting of music by Wilmatine Yandell, Deanna Wilbanks, the Ashbrook Ensemble, Valerie Fite, Lynn A. Ramey, the ladies from Southern District, and Donna Van Horn.

"We especially thank our speakers. We appreciate Joan Warren coming from Yakima, Washington. Thank you, Joan, for reminding us that God's grace is available to us even in hard times as we struggle with unmanageable circumstances and our own undisciplined nature.

"We have always, and still very much, appreciate Sarah Mayhewany way we can get her. Thank you, Sarah, for so vividly explaining that God accepts us with all our faults and makes us holy and without blame through Jesus-that we need not feel like that fly under the magnifying glass, afraid of blotting our record in the Book of Life.

"We appreciate Joan Condit speaking about grace as our power, our motivator, and our teacher. Thank you, Joan, for illustrating that our desire plus God's grace gives us the power to do what's right. We felt the desire to be like the Lutus flower, whose stem pushes it through the muck, mire, and scum to bloom—we want to bloom while dealing with difficult times and with ugliness and uncleanness.

"We appreciate Verla Fletcher speaking on Saturday morning about our Anchor that holds us, and by His grace pulls us back to Christ, our

Solid Rock.

"Thank you, God, for your abundant grace and for the ladies who planned this meeting which has met our hearts' needs once again."

Jim McAllister, president of California Christian College, extended greetings from the college faculty and staff. He described the specific ministries at the college, and thanked the state's auxiliaries for their fundraising effots, asking that such gifts be earmarked if for a specific project. He then asked Yvonne Brown to explain and distribute the brochures for a matching funds program now available to the college for the purpose of building financial support.

The report of the Registration Committee was given as information: "Total Registered—166; Center—38; Golden Gate—73; Southern—18; West Coast—24; Visitors—13."

The meeting was dismissed for a short break.

## **WORSHIP TIME**

The service began with congregational singing, followed by the receiving of the offering. Donna Van Horn, Baldwin Park, sang "More Than Wonderful." Joan Warren presented the theme message "By His Grace," assuring listeners that Christians "can still live holy lives in these difficult days."

Wilmatine Yandell prayed at the conclusion of the message, and the Southern District Trio sang "Ransomed by Royalty." President Rolen made closing remarks and dismissed the 1990 convention.

Respectfull submitted, Sheryl Vanderburg, Secretary

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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
- 4. California Historical Commission

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 occuring 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 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 alloted 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 asbence 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 Exucutive 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 co-operative 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 co-operative 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 five (5) members. This committee shall be composed of the Moderator, Clerk, Executive Secretary, Chairman of California Christian College Board of Trustees, and Chairman of the State Mission Board. The duty of this committee shall be to act on all matters coming within the scope of the work of the General Board when said board is not in session.

In case of disputes from, or within, an affiliated association, this committee shall serve as a mediatorial committee. This committee shall have no dictorial powers whatever, but shall mediate attempts to settle such disputes as may 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 term 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 twelve (12) members, ten from California and one from Arizona, and one from the Northwest Association. The out of state members are to be elected by their respective bodies, and their expenses shall be paid by their associations. Seven of the California members shall be elected by each of their affiliated associations, and three members at large. California members shall serve three years. Two selected members, and one at large shall be elected each year, and every third year three selected members and one at large member shall be elected. 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. 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, 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.

I. The Historical Commission. The Historical Commission shall be composed of three members elected by popular vote of this body from the affiliated associations. Their terms of office shall be staggered from one to three years, so arranged that one member shall be elected each year. The Commission shall orient itself and elect its own officers. It shall meet upon call of the chairman at any time.

This commission 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 Historical Commission will be responsible for the functions of a Historical Society among Free Will Baptist of California to multiply the usefulness of the Commission and its purpose.

The purpose of the Commission shall be to encourage, promote and support the gathering, preservation and utilization of historical materials concerning Free Will Baptists

in general and California Free Will Baptists in particular.

The Treasurer of this Commission 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 Commission shall be paid by check drawn against this treasury and signed by the Treasurer.

Accurate minutes shall be kept of all meetings of this Commission and shall be available for reading at the request of this association. A complete report of all activities of this Commission 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 the Commission.

#### 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 ecclestiastical, 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 Him 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 perserve 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 perpeturated 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."