

MINUTES

Of the Third Annual Meeting

Of The California State Conference

Of Free-Will Baptist

Ministers and Deacons

**Held with the Bakersfield Free-Will
Baptist Church**

Jan. 28-29, 1949

Bakersfield, Calif.

Next Meeting at

Hanford

Free-Will Baptist Church

July 28-29, 1949



OFFICERS

Rev. J. L. Waltman President
Rev. H. E. Dixon Vice President
Rev. F. A. McCage Secretary-Treasurer
Rev. Dean Moore Ass. Secretary-Treasurer



CREDENTIAL BOARD

Rev. Orbin Doss
Rev. H. E. Dixon
Rev. Austin R. Deaton



MEMBERSHIP

Ministers	32
Deacons	32
Total	64



FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

Opened service with singing directed by Rev. Sanford Massingale after which President Rev. J. L. Waltman called for a united prayer.

Rev. Milligan directed a devotional service.

Rev. Norman Cathey brought the evening message. Text used John 7-46. Theme of the message "Never Man Spake Like This Man." A great message and a great service. We felt as the Prophet of old, Surely God is in this place.

Dismissed by Rev. H. E. Dixon

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Song service directed by Rev. Emmet Clagg.

Scripture reading by Rev. J. L. Waltman.
Phil. 2:1-5.

A United Prayer Committee on Divine Service appointed by President as follows:

Bro. L. H. Adkins

Bro. Clyde Rodgers

Bro. J. B. Smith

Report of Credential Board received.

The Board recommended to accept as members of this body the following.

Rev. W. B. Lawless

Rev. O. D. Scroggins

Rev. J. C. Renfro

Rev. Orbin Doss

Rev. E. Gorman

Rev. Sanford Massingale

Deacons

James Gullett

J. A. Roberts

Elmer Jones

Delbert Spain

C. C. Bonds

The board also reported they could not commend Rev. Frank Linton to membership of this body because of his view on the doctrine of premillennialism. After a good deal of dissension on the last phrase of the report the report was accepted in full.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was as follows.

President Rev. J. L. Waltman
Vice President Rev. H. E. Dixon
Sec. Treasurer Rev. F. A. McCage
Asst. Sec. Treas. Rev. Dean Moore

Credential Board

Rev. Orbin Doss
Rev. H. E. Dixon
Rev. Austin R. Deaton

Minutes of last session read and accepted.
Business session adjourned with united prayer until 1:00 P.M.

11 O'CLOCK SERVICE

Rev. Sanford Massingale arranged a quartet number in song.

Rev. Dean Moore brought the message. Text John 21:17. Theme, "Feed My Sheep."

Rev. Milligan concluded the message.

This was a great service.

Dismissed by Bro. L. H. Adkins.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

Song number 126

Scripture reading Phil. 1:1-20.

Prayer by Bro. James Gullett.

Report of the Committee elected at the last meeting to draw up a resolution against premillennial doctrine was heard at this time after the resolution was revised it was adopted. Due to the acceptance of resolution number 3 action on this resolution was post poned.

Resolutions numbers 1, 2 and 3 was adoped.

RESOLUTIONS

No. 1. Be it resolved that the Clerk furnish every member of this Conference a card in good standing at the first of each year.

No. 2. Be it resolved that this Conference meet semi annually instead of quarterly as here to fore and the meeting time be Thursday Night through Saturday, 3:30 P.M. before the first and third Sundays of the year.

No. 3. Be it resolved that the ministers and deacons conference of California join with the Oklahoma Brethren in protesting the 1948 revision of the Treatise and we recommend to ad-

here to the revision of 1942 or an older edition.

Be it further resolved that we send a representative to meet with the National Board when they convene in April 1949 at Nashville, Tenn.

Resolution Committee.

Rev. Orbin Doss

Rev. Austin R. Deaton

Bro. Elmer Jones

Rev. F. A. McCage was elected to represent Calif. at Nashville. Rev. Earl Jenson alternate.

A committee was appointed by the President to contact the churches for the finance to defray the expenses of our representative to Nashville. Rev. Norman Cathey was appointed.

It was voted to go to Hanford for the next meeting. Rev. J. R. Evans was elected to preach the introductory sermon at the next meeting.

Motion carried to adjourn untill the next meeting at Hanford, July 28, 1949.

Ordination service followed. Rev. W. F. Brown was ordained as a minister and Bro. Merle Waddle and Bro. O. H. Ellis were ordained as deacons. Ordaining Council Elds. H. E. Dixon, A. R. Deaton and O. H. Doss.

Dismissed by Rev. Sanford Massingale.

Rev. J. L. Waltman, President

Rev. F. A. McCage, Sec.-Treas.

BY - LAWS

ARTICLE 1

The clerk or assistant clerk, or in their absence the senior minister in years, shall call the ministers present into conference. If a Quorum is present the President or in his absence the Vice-President shall moderate the meeting. If neither of these are present, the senior minister in years shall be in charge.

ARTICLE 2

It shall be the duty of the clerk to enroll the ministers of the conference. Ministers and Deacons shall present themselves with proper evidence of their rights to seats therein, and those enrolled by the clerk shall compose the conference. In case of questionable representation the case under question shall be referred to the Credential Committee.

ARTICLE 3

Each minister and deacon belonging to this conference must be a member of some church in California and should report to each session in person or by letter and failing to do so for two successive sessions is subject to discipline.

ARTICLE 4

Each conference shall be opened by reading a portion of God's word and prayer, and each session shall be closed with prayer.

ARTICLE 5

By a two-thirds vote of the members present a ruling of the President may be overruled.

ARTICLE 6

This conference shall sit with open doors, except when it shall go into a committee as a whole.

ARTICLE 7

No member shall absent himself from the conference during its meeting without permission from the President.

ARTICLE 8

No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of a committee, unless person nominated is not elected.

ARTICLE 9

The President shall not allow discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit, or when he thinks it will cause discord.

ARTICLE 10

Anyone desiring to speak shall rise and address the President by the appellation, "Brother President", but shall not speak further until recognized.

ARTICLE 11

No member of this conference shall be allowed to speak more than five minutes, nor twice on the same subject without permission from the President.

ARTICLE 12

These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular or adjourned session of this conference by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1

This ministers and deacons conference shall be called the California State Free Will Baptist Ministers and Deacons Conference and shall be composed of ordained free will Baptist ministers and deacons who are members of some orthodox free will Baptist Church in the state of California.

ARTICLE 2

The officers of this conference shall be President, Vice-President, Clerk, Asst. Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually.

ARTICLE 3

This conference shall have the power to discipline its members.

ARTICLE 4

Every ordained minister and deacon in the State of California should be a member of this conference and is required to report in each session in person or by letter. Every member shall be required to carry a card of identification and recommendation from this conference, and said card to be issued annually.

ARTICLE 5

This conference shall meet semi-annually.

ARTICLE 6

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular session.

Covenant

Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ, and being called and chosen to the Ministry and Deaconship, we give ourselves to one another, by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by the grace of God to love and support our brother minister to the advancement of the Gospel and the Glory of God.

We will not be partakers of any sinful amusement, neither shall we conduct ourselves in any manner at any time that will bring reproach on the ministry or hinder God's cause.

We agree to faithfully discharge our obligations and duties, to study to show ourselves approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth.

We are willing by self denial, to promote the Gospel, and by faith, endeavor to "Grow in Grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We agree to reprove with meekness and to watch over one another in love and affection, endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace. To be careful of one another's happiness, reputation, and ministerial success. Seek to strengthen and encourage one another, and at all times promote the success of the church and Gospel of our Lord and Savior. We will at all times hold Christian principles sacred, and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme, counting it our chief mission in life to carry God's eternal message to those who are dead in sin, that they may be resurrected by "Saving Grace."

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of Education and Denominational enterprises, constantly praying and toiling for greater achievement for Christ. May the God of peace sanctify us blameless unto the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

MINISTERS

- Rev. J. L. Waltman, Box 804, Turlock Calif.
Rev. George McLain, Richmond, Calif.
Rev. Earl Jenson, Selma, Calif.
Rev. N. H. Cathey, Corcoran, Calif.
Rev. H. E. Dixon, Arvin, Calif.
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Rev. E. R. Clagg, Porterville, Calif.
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Rev. W. A. Huddleston, Firebaugh, Calif.
Rev. C. D. Findley, Porterville, Calif.
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Rev. O. D. Scroggins, Parlier, Calif.
Rev. J. C. Renfro, Hanford, Calif.
Rev. O. S. Doss, Gen. Del., Kerman, Calif.
Rev. Eual Gorman, Wintersburg, Calif.
Rev. S. Massingale, Selma, Calif.

DEACONS

Lee Ramsey, Kerman, Calif.
J. Hall, Kerman, Calif.
J. Rolen, Kerman, Calif.
R. Kemp, Kerman, Calif.
H. G. Harris, Turlock, Calif.
E. McCuller, Fowler, Calif.
W. G. Rush, Kerman, Calif.
T. Potter, Modesto, Calif.
J. O. Moore, Stockton, Calif.
W. Cook, Firebaugh, Calif.
E. Jones, Potterville, Calif.
J. Cross, Orange Cove, Calif.
J. Gullett, Porterville, Calif.
W. W. Daniel, Hughson, Calif.
J. B. Smith, Arvin, Calif.
A. F. Nelms, Arvin, Calif.
V. Lewis, Arvin, Calif.
F. Smith
R. Wade
J. Kelsey
O. C. Buchanan, Selma, Calif.
J. M. Whittinburg, Selma, Calif.
L. H. Adkins, Ceres, Calif.
C. T. McCown, Orange Cove, Calif.
C. E. Ferguson, Ceres, Calif.
C. Rodgers, Bakersfield, Calif.
G. Davis, Arvin, Calif.
O. Keaster, Armona, Calif.
T. Turner, Lemoore, Calif.
J. A. Roberts, Ceres, Calif.
D. Spane, Sanger, Calif.
C. C. Bonds, Orange Cove, Calif.