

MINUTES

Of the Fourth Annual Meeting

Of The California State Conference

Of Free-Will Baptist

Ministers and Deacons

Held with the Turlock Free-Will
Baptist Church

Jan. 26, 27, 28, 1950

Turlock, Calif.

Next Meeting at

Modesto

Free-Will Baptist Church

April 28-29, 1950



OFFICERS

Rev. J. L. Waltman	President
Rev. H. E. Dixon	Vice President
Rev. F. A. McCage	Clerk
Rev. Joe Mooneyham	Assist. Clerk



CREDENTIAL BOARD

Rev. Earl Jenson
Rev. O. H. Doss
Rev. T. N. Huddleston
Rev. H. E. Dixon
Rev. L. L. Davis



MEMBERSHIP

Ministers	32
Deacons	34
Total	66



THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

The service was opened with singing directed by Bro. C. E. Ferguson. Rev. George McLain led in prayer. Rev. A. E. Downs conducted a praise service. A great number witnessed to the saving grace of an infinite God.

Turlock Free Will Baptist quartet rendered a special number in song, No. 88 in the Church Book, "Hide Me Rock of Ages."

Rev. H. E. Dixon of Arvin, California delivered the message. Scripture Reading: I Timothy, Chapter 1, Verses 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19 20. Theme: Operation of the Holy Spirit. The message was enjoyed by all present. Dismissed by Rev. Florence,

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION, JAN. 27

Song Service directed by Rev. Delmer Scroggins. Scripture Lesson, Ezekiel, 3rd chapter, verses 1 to , by Rev. J. L. Waltman, President.

United Prayer. Welcome Address, by Host Pastor Rev. T. N. Huddleston of Turlock.

Response by Rev. George McLain of Richmond

Recognition of ministers and deacons standing, ministers and deacons in good standing were enrolled.

Motion carried that members who held cards prior to 1949 and who are still in good standing with their church, be seated.

Letters from churches stating who was in good standing in each church was read. Letters from Pixley, Richmond, Parlier, Selma, Kerman, Orange Cove, Tulare, Hanford, Firebaugh, Turlock, and Modesto, were received. President appointed committee on Divine Service. Bros. W. J. Rush, J. Q. Moore, H. G. Harris, Clyde Rogers, J. B. Smith.

Motion carried that this body issue cards to all licensed ministers in good standing, to read associate members.

Committee on Divine service reported that Rev. Winston Lawless and Rev. Delmer Scroggins would preach at the 11:00 service.

Report of Credential Board was received. The following were recommended to fellowship. Deacons, Bros. B. A. Jenkins, O. H. Ellis, E. D. Wickshire, E. L. Floyd M. D. Percerfield, L. E. Buchana, Homer Thompson, J. Spurlock, W. A. Graham. Ministers: Rev. Joe Mooneyham, Estell Sweeten, Wiley Gregory.

Officers were elected as follows:

President	Rev. J. L. Waltman
Vice President	Rev. H. E. Dixon
Clerk	Rev. F. A. McCage
Assist. Clerk	Rev. Joe Mooneyham

Credential Board:

Rev. Earl Jenson, O. H. Doss, T. N. Huddleston, H. E. Dixon, L. L. Davis.

Motion carried to adjourn business to 1:30 p.m.

11:00 O'CLOCK SERVICE

Singing directed by Rev. Lloyd Reddick. A moment of silent prayer in memory of our members who departed from this life since our last session, concluded by Bro. J. Q. Moore.

Rev. Winston Lawless was introduced as the first speaker. His text, Hebrews, Second chapter, verses, 1, 2, 3.

Rev. Delmer Scroggins followed and concluded the message.

Scripture Reading by Bro. Scroggins, Geneses, 4th Chapter, verses 9 and 10.

These messages were enjoyed by all present. Dismissed by Rev. George McLain.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Singing directed by Rev. L. C. Florence. Scripture Reading by Rev. Norman Cathe, Philippians. Prayer by Bro. Pete Connor.

President appointed Resolution Committee as Follows:

Rev. L. L. Davis
Rev. George McLain
Rev. Norman Cathey
Rev. Winston Lawless
Rev. Delmer Scroggins

Resolution No. 1 adopted. See Report.

The meetings for the year 1950 were set as follows:

Modesto first meeting, April 28 & 29, 1950

Parlier second meeting. July 28 & 29, 1950

Richmond 3rd meeting, Oct. 27 & 28, 1950

Selma 4th meeting, Dec. 28, 29, 30, 1950

Rev. O. H. Doss was elected to preach the introductory message at Modesto. Rev. George McLain, alternate.

Rev. George McLain elected to preach introductory message at Parlier with Rev. F. A. McCage as alternated. Rev. F. A. McCage elected to preach introductory message at Richmond, Rev. Earl Jenson, alternate.

Rev. Delmer Scroggins elected to preach the introductory message at Selma. Rev. H. E. Dixon alternate.

Resolution No. 2 adopted.

Resolution No. 3 adopted.

Resolution No. 4 adopted. See Report.

A letter from Dr. I. W. Yandell, and an offering was taken for his expense out here. \$33.50 was received.

Motion carried. Rev. T. N. Huddleston.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Singing directed by Bro. Tommy Montgomery. Prayer by Rev. Aurther Downs. Devotional conducted by Rev. R. L. Fullilove. Special singing by the Host church quartet.

Offering for the expense of the conference in printing the minutes and cards. \$34.79, balance in Treasure .20 making a total of \$35.00.

Motion carried to accept the report of the Credential Committee.

Rev. J. L. Waltman introduced the speaker of the hour, Rev. F. A. McCage. Scripture, Deut. 32:2. Subject: "The Doctrine." This message was delivered with much power and was enjoyed by all who were present.

At the close of the service one soul was saved. The delegates were placed by the host pastor. Prayer of dismissal by Rev. Wiley Gregory.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Singing directed by Bro. Tommy Montgomery.
Prayer by Rev. J. R. Evans.

Scripture Reading by Bro. J. B. Smith, 6th chapter of Galatians.

Committee on divine service reported that Rev. O. H. Doss and Rev. J. R. Evans would preach at the 11:00 o'clock service.

Resolution No.5 was read and adopted.

Motion carried to take an offering for the Host Church. \$9.48 was received.

Motion carried to adjourn the Business Session until the next session, April 28-29, 1950, to meet with the Modesto Free Will Baptist Church located at Leo and Sam Avenues in Modesto.

11:00 O'CLOCK SERVICE

Singing by the congregation.

Rev. O. H. Doss was introduced as the first speaker. Scripture Text: Gal. 6-14. Them: "God Forbid that I should Glory Save in the Cross at Our Lord Jesus Christ."

Rev. J. R. Evans concluded the message.

These Brethren preached under the power and direction of the Holy Spirit of God.

The Service was closed with an old time Hand of Fellowship.

Rev. H. E. Dixon was appointed to express the appreciation this conference to the Host Church for their hospitality during our stay here in this conference.

Prayer of Dismissal by Rev. Earl Jensen.

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 1

Be it resolved: That we set the place and time, during this session where each of the ministers and deacons conference are to be held throughout the year. Carried.

Resolution No.2

Be it resolved that we take a firm stand against the World Council of Churches, and the Federal Council of Churches of Christ

in America. Also against any other organization who are in sympathy with the Roman Catholic.

Resolution No.3

Be it resolved that the Ministers and Deacons conference of California will not recognize any minister advocating premellinialism as Free Will Baptist Doctrine. Be it resolved we place this in our constitution.

Resolution No. 4

Be it resolved: That the president appoint someone to express our Heartfelt Thanks to this church for their hospitality during this conference.

Resolution No. 5

Be it resolved: That each church representing in the Ministers and Deacons Conference by letter send \$5.00 for **EXPENSES** of the Conference.

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 for two successive session 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.

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