

Minutes
OF THE EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING
California State Conference
OF FREE-WILL BAPTISTS
Ministers and Deacons

HELD WITH THE CALWA FREE-WILL
BAPTIST CHURCH

November 26, 27, 1953—Calwa, California



Next Meeting At
BELL GARDENS FREE-WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
October 28, 29, 1954

OFFICERS

O. H. Doss	President
F. A. McCage	Vice President
W. B. Lawless	Clerk
Wade Jernigan	Asst. Clerk

CREDENTIAL BOARD

Dean Moore

A. E. Woolrey

H. E. Dixon

J. L. Waltman

Earl Jensen

MEMBERSHIP

Ministers	86
Deacons	85
Total	171

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION

Services opened singing, "I Need The Prayers of Those I Love; Blest Be The Tie That Binds," led by Rev. Joe Mooneyham. The President called for a fellowship handshake, after which Brother Mooneyham led the congregation in singing "All To Jesus." Rev. O. H. Doss gave the Scripture reading using Psalms 100. Rev. H. E. Dixon then led in a united prayer. Special singing was: "Have You Been A Friend To Him," by Calwa Trio, "I've Been Awaiting, It's An Unfriendly World" by a Preacher's Quartet, "Why Should He Love Me So, The Darkest Day" by Sister Bryant of Long Beach. Testimony time was enjoyed by all.

The President introduced Rev. Garrett Pusley as speaker for the Introductory message. Rev. Pusley used Ephesians 3:14 and 2 John 9. His message was "Free Will Baptist Doctrine." Delegates were placed by host pastor. Benediction.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

House called to order by President Rev. F. A. McCage. Rev. Jerry Dudley directed the opening song, "A Song In My Soul." Rev. Dean Moore gave the Devotional reading from 2 Timothy 2. United prayer called for by the President. Letters received from Turlock, Hughson, Stockton, Kerman, Porterville, Chowchilla, Hanford, Calwa, Bakersfield, Sanger, Orange Cove, Farmersville, Exeter, Salinas, Richmond, Visalia, Shafter, Tulare, Reedley, Modesto, Selma, Martinez and Rodeo and read by the clerk. Letters accepted.

Officers elected for ensuing year as follows: President, Rev. O. H. Doss; Vice-President, Rev. F. A. McCage; Clerk, Rev. Winston Lawless; Assistant Clerk, Rev. Wade Jernigan. Pulpit committee was appointed. Grady Henly, Rodney Kemp, O. H. Ellis, H. H. Stout, and Rev. Cecil

Thurman. Report of Treasure read and accepted. Motion made that we give a standing vote of thanks to outgoing officers. Credential committee appointed. Those appointed were Rev. H. E. Dixon, Rev. Dean Moore, Rev. Arvel Woolrey, Rev. J. L. Waltman and Rev. Earl Jensen. Welcome by Rev. Cecil Thurman. Response by Rev. Wade Jernigan. Resolution committee appointed; Roy Wade, Pete Ussery, John Hall, J. A. Roberts and E. A. Russell. Motion to accept letters from Artesia, Long Beach and Campbell. Amendment made to receive Campbell letter with exception of Deacon Floyd Smith.

11:00 O'CLOCK SERVICE

Song service by Rev. Harold Talley. Prayer by Rev. V. B. True. President introduced speakers of the hour. Rev. Dean Moore used Scripture Romans 12:1-2. Subject, "Sacrifice and the Will of God." Message concluded by Rev. Jerry Dudley using Hebrew 10:32. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Amos Fagan.

1:30 O'CLOCK SESSION

Opened by singing "When I Can Read My Title Clear," led by Rev. F. A. McCage. Devotional by Brother Pete Connor. Prayer by Rev. Earnest Snowden. Personal letters read and accepted from the following Rev. F. C. Berry, L. C. Lynch, W. A. Carnett, Brother T. V. Carter, Ira Malson.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Credential Committee Report:

Report No. 1

We the Credential Committee having examined the following preachers and deacons find them worthy of membership in this conference. Dea-

cons R. E. Denton, Guy Pitts, C. J. Smith, O. W. Butler. Ministers: Rev. Troy Turner, Cecil Porter, DeArthur Yandell. Associate members, Leonard C. Rial, Wilburn Roberts, J. W. Webb, Marvin Bryant and G. H. Guinn.

Report No. 2

We the Credential Committee recommend that Floyd V. Smith's card of good standing as deacon in this conference be withheld until such a time that reconciliation be made to California State Free Will Baptists. We further recommend that his home church deal with him. The reason for this action being that while under oath he made false statements against the Free Will Baptist Movement.

Report No. 3

We the Credential Committee received Rev. W. A. Huddleston's card as he stated that he no longer wished to be a member of this conference. Therefore, we recommend that his request be granted and that he no longer be recognized as a minister in this conference. We request that he turn his ordination papers to the Executive Board of Center Association of Free Will Baptist of California. Motion carried to table report no. 3 for 3 months.

Resolution Committee Report

No. 1

Be it resolved that each church representing at the ministers and deacons conference send \$5.00 to each Quarterly Conference for the host church expenses, also \$10.00 to the annual conference of which \$5.00 will go to the host church and \$5.00 to be retained in the treasury for necessary expenses.

No. 2

Be it resolved that this conference go on record as being apposed to pastors and churches calling ministers from other denominations to conduct revival meetings. Penalty for this offence would be disqualification for membership in this conference.

No. 3

Be it resolved that this conference give a rising vote of thanks to the Calwa Church for their hospitality and care of this conference. We further recommend that a free will offering be taken to help defray their expenses.

SETTING OF QUARTERLY CONFERENCES

1st— January 29-30, Turlock, Rev. DeArthur Yandell introductory speaker and Rev. Truman Huddleston, Alternate.

2nd— May 28-29 Porterville, Rev. Joe Mooneyham introductory speaker and Rev. L. L. Davis alternate.

3rd— August 27-28 Chowchilla, Rev. I. L. Boggs introductory speaker and Rev. H. E. Dixon alternate.

4th— October 28-30 Bell Gardens, Rev. Wade Jernigan introductory speaker and Rev. F. A. McCage, alternate.

Motion made to print 500 minutes. Program committee appointed. Rev. Eual Gorman, Rev. H. E. Dixon, and Rev. L. L. Davis.

Benediction Rev. I. L. Boggs. Adjournment.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

Services opened by singing "I'm Going That Way," led by Brother Archie Reynolds. Prayer

by Rev. Roy Pembroke. Letter from Concord read and accepted. Special songs by Kerman Quartet, "Peace Like A River and The Joys of Heaven." Solo by Sister Marvin Bryant "Gethsemane." Brother John Montgomery sang "God's Radio-Phone."

The President introduced the first speaker Rev. F. A. McCage. His scripture was John 3:1-5, Subject; "The Spiritual Birth." Conclusion by Rev. Wade Jernigan using John 3:8 "The Operation of the Holy Spirit." Both speakers brought inspiring messages. Dismissal prayer by Rev. J. E. Bridges.

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 one year 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.

Amendment No. 1

Be it resolved that each church send a letter to this conference, giving names of all ministers and deacons in their church who are in good standing.

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 quarterly.

ARTICLE 6

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

Amendment No. 1

Be it resolved that the Ministers and Deacons Conference of California will not recognize any minister advocating Premellinialism as free will Baptist doctrine.

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 willingly by self denial, agree 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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